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Could Jordan be at risk from ISIL?

By SLOBODAN LEKIC
Stars and Stripes

The stunning victories in Iraq by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant have brought Islamic extremists to the borders of Jordan, raising fears in Western and Arab capitals that the conflict that exploded in Syria three years ago could engulf one of America's closest Arab allies.

Still, Arab and Western diplomats believe King Abdullah II faces no imminent threat, despite worrisome signs such as suspicions that ISIL is building sleeper cells inside Jordan.

Like his late father King Hussein, who died in 1999, King Abdullah has managed to navigate through crises that have ringed his country — with Syria to the north, Iraq to the east and Israel and the Palestinian territories to the west. Jordan has remained remarkably resilient for a small, resource-poor country in the middle of the world's most unstable region.

"Despite these crises... one of the most consistently fragile entities to emerge from the century-old British-French carve-up of the Middle East has managed to remain remarkably stable and peaceful," said Ed Blanche, a Beirut-based analyst and a member of London's International Institute for Security Studies.

Nonetheless, ISIL's string of victories in Iraq and its growing profile in the Syrian insurgency are cause for concern.

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Army says it's close to having handheld Spice detector

By MATTHEW M. BURKE
Stars and Stripes

The allure of synthetic marijuana such as Spice lies mostly in its chameleonlike chemical blends that make it difficult to test.

By the time law enforcement officials have identified a compound and developed a test for it, the chemists who produce these synthetic cannabinoids have changed their recipes or created new compounds.

Since the drug first became popular in the mid-2000s, law enforcement officials have been

one step behind.

That could soon change.

Army researchers are in final stages of constructing a portable handheld device that harnesses the body's reaction to all synthetic cannabinoids. It will be the first field-ready Spice detector, and Army officials hope to have a working prototype by the end of 2014.

"We needed a more general test," said Mark Griep, principal scientist on the project from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory's Weapons and Materials Re-

search Directorate.

Spice testing is of particular interest for the military. According to a study due out in July from the University of Washington, Spice is the most-abused substance among active-duty Army personnel.

At first, the tester will be used to tell investigators whether a substance they have located is Spice, or at least contains synthetic cannabinoids. Investigators currently don't have the tools to do field tests.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All I saw were tents, and I was afraid that I had killed someone. I felt numb, and I am certain that a few cuss words came out of my mouth."

— Air Force Maj. Richard Wageman, to investigators after a November 2008 accident in which he lost control of a Predator drone that plowed into a U.S. base in Afghanistan

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Dwyer World Cup

Marines with "Suicide" Charley Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, defend against Team Afghanistan during their first match in the Dwyer World Cup aboard Camp Dwyer, Helmand province, Afghanistan, on June 21. A total of four teams participated in the tournament to include Team America, Afghanistan, Jordan and the World Team (consisting of contractors on the camp). The Marines defeated the World Team during the final game and were the champions of the tournament.

Taliban kill dozens in Helmand attack

By KEVIN SIEFF
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The Washington Post

KABUL — The Taliban have amassed hundreds of fighters in Helmand province in their most ambitious attempt this year to seize ground as the U.S. combat mission winds down in Afghanistan, according to Afghan officials.

The fighting has gone on for nearly a week in the southern province, a former Taliban stronghold, demonstrating the insurgency's ability to mobilize against much improved but still inexperienced Afghan security forces. As of Saturday, the exact toll from the violence remained unclear, but at least several dozen civilians, soldiers and police officers have been killed, Afghan

officials said.

"It was a coordinated and organized attack on northern Helmand," said Omer Zowak, the provincial spokesman. "Afghan security forces have pushed the Taliban back ... but they are resisting in some parts of Sangin district."

Sangin, the main target of the Taliban offensive, lies in a valley along the Helmand River where for years insurgents have staged periodic attacks on Afghan and international troops. Last week, 45 civilians were killed in Sangin alone and 4,000 more were displaced, according to the district's governor, Sulaiman Shah.

"The Taliban booby-trapped people's home, putting bombs in front of their houses," Shah said. "The situation was very bad."

When U.S. troops began to

leave Helmand last year, many American officials predicted that the Taliban would attempt to dominate the Afghan forces left in charge of Sangin. For years, the district's poppy harvest and drug production centers were a financial boon to insurgents. During the past two summers, though, the Taliban appeared to make retaking Sangin a priority.

Last week's fighting spread to the districts surrounding Sangin, prompting reinforcements to be sent to the area. Top Afghan commanders flew over the area in helicopters from Kabul to assess the situation.

The assault appears to be the insurgents' most effective attempt to date to gain ground in Helmand. A spokesman for the Interior Ministry, Sediq Sediqi, suggested that more than 1,000

insurgents were involved in the attack. But Afghan officials insisted Saturday that the fighting was nearing an end, with troops refusing to cede territory.

"The clearing operation is going on. We've killed hundreds of Taliban fighters," said Gen. Zahir Azimi, a spokesman for the Afghan National Army, who added that the Taliban had failed in its bid to destabilize Helmand.

But the Taliban said their efforts had yielded enormous gains. On its official website, the organization claimed to have overrun five government outposts in Sangin.

After the troop surge in 2009, thousands of U.S. Marines were sent to northern Helmand, where the casualty rate was among the highest in the war. But the gains at that time attracted attention from Washington.

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When drones fall from the sky

Crashes expose likely dangers of opening US skies to UAV traffic

By CRAIG WHITLOCK
The Washington Post

More than 400 large U.S. military drones have crashed in major accidents around the world since 2001, a record of calamity that exposes the potential dangers of throwing open American skies to drone traffic, according to a yearlong Washington Post investigation.

Since the outbreak of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, military drones have malfunctioned in myriad ways, plummeting from the sky because of mechanical breakdowns, human error, bad weather and other reasons, according to more than 50,000 pages of accident investigation reports and other records obtained by The Washington Post under the Freedom of Information Act.

Commercial drone flights are set to become a widespread reality in the United States starting next year under a 2012 law passed by Congress. Drone flights by law enforcement agencies and the military, which already occur on a limited basis, are projected to surge.

The documents detail scores of crashes involving remotely controlled aircraft, challenging the federal government's assurances that drones will be able to fly safely over populated areas and in the same airspace as passenger planes.

Military drones have slammed into homes, farms, runways, highways, waterways and, in one case, an Air Force C-130 Hercules transport plane in midair. No one has died in a drone accident, but the documents show that many catastrophes have been narrowly averted, often by a few feet or a few seconds or pure luck.

"All I saw were tents, and I was afraid that I had killed someone," Air Force Maj. Richard Wageman told investigators after an accident in November 2008, when he lost control of a Predator that plowed into a U.S. base in Afghanistan. "I felt numb, and I am certain that a few cuss words came out of my mouth."

Investigators were unable to pinpoint a definitive cause for the accident but said wind and an aggressive turn by the pilot were factors. Wageman did not respond to a request for comment through an Air Force spokesman.

Several military drones have simply disappeared while at cruising altitudes, never to be seen again. In September 2009, an armed Reaper drone, with a 66-foot wingspan, flew on the loose across Afghanistan after its handlers lost control of the aircraft. U.S. fighter jets shot it down



An Afghan housing compound was destroyed in a U.S. military drone crash in Jalalabad in 2011.

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Left: A Predator drone crashed into Kandahar Airfield in 2011. Right: A QF-4E drone plummeted to the ground at Tyndall Air Force Base near Panama City, Fla., last July.



Report critical of US drone policies

By THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Targeted drone strikes have become a centerpiece of the Obama administration's counterterrorism policy, but a new report issued by a bipartisan panel of former intelligence and defense officials has concluded the approach constitutes a "slippery slope" toward a state of never-ending war.

The 81-page report, released by the Stimson Center, also points to the fact that the Obama administration has yet

to conduct any "strategic analysis" on the cost-benefit of continued drone strikes in places such as Yemen and Pakistan.

"A serious counterterrorism strategy needs to consider carefully, and constantly reassess the balance between kinetic action and other counterterrorism tools, and the potential unintended consequences of increased reliance on lethal UAVs," the report concludes, using the acronym for unmanned aerial vehicles.

The panel included retired Army Gen. John Abizaid, a former commander of U.S. Central

Command, and Rosa Brooks, a law professor at Georgetown University, as well as other former senior military and CIA officials.

While the report is mostly critical of the Obama administration's drone strategy, it also goes on to dispel some of the myths surrounding the use of drones. The report notes that drones are no cheaper than manned aircraft and do not cause the high number of civilian casualties that some have alleged.

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as it neared Tajikistan.

The documents describe a multitude of costly mistakes by remote-control pilots. A \$3.8 million Predator carrying a Hellfire missile cratered near Kandahar in January 2010 because the pilot did not realize she had been flying the aircraft upside down. Later that year, another armed Preda-

tor crashed nearby after the pilot did not notice he had squeezed the wrong red button on his joystick, putting the plane into a spin.

While most of the malfunctioning aircraft have perished in combat zones, dozens have been destroyed in the United States during test and training flights that have gone awry.

In April, a 375-pound Army drone crashed next to an elementary school playground in Pennsylvania, just a few minutes after students went home for the day. In upstate New York, the Air Force still cannot find a Reaper that has been missing since November, when it plunged into Lake Ontario. In June 2012, a Navy RQ-4

'Flying is inherently a dangerous activity. You don't have to look very far, unfortunately, to see examples of that.'

Dyke Weatherington
Pentagon unmanned warfare director

surveillance drone with a wingspan as wide as a Boeing 757's nose-dived into Maryland's Eastern Shore, igniting a wildfire.

In defense of drones

Defense Department officials said they are confident in the reliability of their drones. Most of the crashes occurred in war, they emphasized, under harsh conditions unlikely to be replicated in the United States.

Military statistics show the vast majority of flights go smoothly and that mishap rates have steadily declined over the past decade. Officials acknowledge, however, that drones will never be as safe as commercial jetliners.

"Flying is inherently a dangerous activity. You don't have to look very far, unfortunately, to see examples of that," said Dyke Weatherington, director of unmanned warfare for the Pentagon. "I can look you square in the eye and say, absolutely, the [Defense Department] has got an exceptional safety record on this, and we're getting better every day."

The analysis of accident records, however, shows that the military and drone manufacturers have yet to overcome some fundamental safety hurdles:

- A limited ability to detect and avoid trouble. Cameras and high-tech sensors on a drone cannot fully replace a pilot's eyes and ears and nose in the cockpit. Most remotely controlled planes are not equipped with radar or anti-collision systems designed to prevent midair disasters.

- Pilot error. Despite popular perception, flying a drone is much trickier than playing a video game. The Air Force licenses its drone pilots and trains them constantly, but mistakes are still common, particularly during landings. In four cases over a three-year period, Air Force pilots committed errors so egregious that they were investigated for suspected dereliction of duty.

- Persistent mechanical defects. Some common drone models were designed without backup safety features and rushed to war without the benefit of years of testing. Many accidents were triggered by basic electrical malfunctions; others were caused by bad weather. The crews of two doomed Predators that crashed in 2008 and 2009 told investigators that their planes had been "possessed" and plagued by "demons."

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Crashes: Safety record of remotely controlled aircraft given little scrutiny

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Drones have revolutionized warfare. Now they are poised to revolutionize civil aviation. Under the law passed by Congress, the Federal Aviation Administration is scheduled to issue rules by September 2015 that will begin the widespread integration of drones into civilian airspace.

Drone demand

Pent-up demand to buy and fly remotely controlled aircraft is enormous. Law enforcement agencies, which already own a small number of camera-equipped drones, are projected to purchase thousands more. Police departments covet them as an inexpensive tool to provide bird's-eye surveillance for up to 24 hours straight.

Businesses see profitable possibilities for drones—to tend crops, move cargo, inspect real estate or film Hollywood movies. Journalists have applied for drone licenses to cover the news.

The military owns about 10,000 drones, from 1-pound Weapors, 4-pound Ravens to 1-ton Predators and 15-ton Global Hawks. By 2017, the armed forces plan to fly drones from at least 110 bases in 39 states, plus Guam and Puerto Rico.

The drone industry, which lobbied Congress to pass the new law, predicts \$82 billion in economic benefits and 100,000 new jobs by 2025.

Public opposition has centered on civil liberties concerns, such as the morality and legality of using drones to spy on people in their backyards. There has been scant scrutiny of the safety record of remotely controlled aircraft. A report released June 5 by the National Academy of Sciences concluded that there were “serious unanswered questions” about how to safely integrate civilian drones into the national airspace, calling it a “critical, crosscutting challenge.”

Nobody has more experience with drones than the U.S. military, which has logged more than 4 million flight hours. But the Defense Department tightly guards the particulars of its drone operations, including how, when and where most accidents occur.

Report: Drone program requires more transparency

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“UAV technologies, in fact, enable greater precision in targeting than most other common means of warfare,” the report reads. Among critics, drones are seen as having severed pilots from actual battlefield conditions, and even some within the military see drone pilots as “glorified video game players.” Yet the report disputes that notion, noting that drone pilots are prone to post-traumatic stress as a result of continuous exposure to their targets and the ability to survey the damage inflicted after strikes.

“They may watch their targets for weeks or even months, seeing them go about the routines of daily life, before one day watching on screen as they are obliterated,” the report says.

The report also makes clear that the consequences of widespread drone use can ripple through civilian communities, which must grow accustomed to the steady hum of aircraft above them.

“The resentment created by American use of unmanned strikes... is much greater than the average American appreciates,”

The investigation

The Washington Post filed more than two dozen FOIA requests with the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps. Responding intermittently over the course of a year, the military released investigative files and other records that collectively identified 418 major drone crashes around the world between September 2001 and the end of last year. That figure is almost equivalent to the number of major crashes incurred by the Air Force's fleet of fighter jets and attack planes during the same period, even though the drones flew far fewer missions and hours, according to Air Force safety statistics.

The military divided the major accidents into two categories of severity, based on the amount of damage inflicted to the aircraft or other property. (There are three other categories for more minor accidents.)

According to the records, 194 drones fell into the first category—Class A accidents that destroyed the aircraft or caused, under current standards, at least \$2 million in damage. Slightly more than half of those accidents occurred in Afghanistan and Iraq. Almost a quarter happened in the United States.

In most instances, military officials convened an accident investigation board to determine the cause. In 18 cases, the drone crashes were so sensitive that the military classified the names of the countries where they occurred and details of what happened.

Two hundred and twenty-four drones crashed in Class B accidents that, under current standards, cost between \$500,000 and \$2 million. Officials withheld basic details about those mishaps, such as the dates and locations, on the grounds that the lesser damage totals did not warrant a public investigation.

The military documents do not include information about drones operated covertly by the CIA. The spy agency has its own fleet of about 30 armed Predator and Reaper drones overseas, all flown remotely by Air Force pilots assigned to the CIA.

The CIA also flies highly advanced RQ-170 Sentinel surveillance drones, including one that U.S. officials have acknowledged



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Air Force Maj. Richard Wageman operates a Predator from a ground-control station in Afghanistan in 2008.

went down in Iran in December 2011.

“Hit by a UAV?”

As the military dispatched drone after drone to Iraq and Afghanistan in the mid-2000s, some Air Force commanders saw the potential for trouble in the increasingly crowded skies.

Air Force leaders circulated briefing materials that quoted an unnamed general as saying, “What I worry about is the day I have a C-130 with a cargo-load of soldiers, and a [drone] comes right through the cockpit window.”

The general's worries were well founded. On Aug. 15, 2011, a C-130 Hercules weighing about 145,000 pounds was descending toward Forward Operating Base Sharana, in eastern Afghanistan. Suddenly, a quarter-mile above the ground, the huge Air Force plane collided with a 375-pound flying object.

“Holy s---!” yelled the Hercules’ navigator, according to a transcript of the cockpit

voice recorder. “We got hit by a UAV! Hit by a UAV!”

An RQ-7B Shadow, flown by an Army ground crew, had smashed into the cargo plane's left wing between two propellers. Jet fuel cascaded out of a gash in the wing.

The Hercules crew shut down one engine and radioed to clear the runway. Within two minutes, the plane landed, smoke pouring from the left side. “There's a big frickin’ hole in the airplane,” the pilot said, according to the cockpit voice recorder. No one was hurt.

About 50 seconds later, the unwitting drone operator radioed the control tower to confess he had lost track of his aircraft.

In response to an FOIA request from The Washington Post, the Air Force released hundreds of pages of documents from its safety probe. The official finding of what caused the crash was censored, but some of the documents suggest the air-traffic controller was at least partly blamable.

Army crash rates

Unlike the Air Force, the Army does not make the argument that its drones are nearly as safe as regular planes.

In June 2013, Army safety officials posted a bulletin noting that their drones had crashed at 10 times the rate of manned Army aircraft over the previous nine months.

As bad as that number sounded, the officials said it understated the problem. Commanders were not reporting many drone mishaps, as required, to the Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center at Fort Rucker, Ala.

About 55 percent of the Army's MQ-5 Hunter drones, which can carry weapons, have been “lost for various reasons” in accidents during training and combat operations, according to Col. Tim Baxter, the Army's project manager for unmanned aircraft systems.

The RQ-7 Shadow, the smaller reconnaissance model that crashed into the Hercules cargo plane, has also been accident-prone. At least 38 percent of the Army's fleet has been involved in a major accident, according to a Post analysis of Army safety statistics.



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People shout slogans during a protest rally against U.S. drone strikes in Multan, central Pakistan, in January 2013. At least eight people had been killed and four others injured in two separate U.S. drone strikes.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the former top commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, says in the report. “They are hated on a visceral level, even by people who’ve never seen one or seen the effects of one.”

The report goes on to suggest that America's drone program requires added transparency and oversight. Strikes should be assessed to ensure that they “are having a

positive effect on US National security and not trading short-term gains for more negative longer-term strategic consequences,” the report says.

The Obama administration has acknowledged the deaths of four U.S. citizens in drone strikes. Anwar al-Awlaki, an American citizen and radical Muslim cleric killed in 2010, was the only one intention-

ally targeted.

“We do not believe it is consistent with American values for the United States to carry on a broad, multi-year program of targeted strikes in which the United States has acknowledged only the deaths of four U.S. citizens, despite clear evidence that several thousand others have also been killed,” the report says.

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MICHAEL R. HOLZWORTH/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

An Airman passes a Spice display in a smoke shop prior to a Nov. 24 ban on the substance by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Spice: Detector mimics reaction of human body to synthetic cannabinoids

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All samples from within the Defense Department are sent to the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory for evaluation and forensic investigation, creating a considerable backlog and long wait times for results. A servicemember might have Spice but not be charged if the substance contains compounds that the laboratory can't test for.

"These laboratory tests can be very time-consuming, and the magnitude of the samples coming in has created quite a workload," Griep said. "This sensor would provide an initial screening mechanism to cut out any samples that don't contain synthetic cannabinoids" so they don't go to the lab.

Once the Spice detector is in the field, Griep hopes to improve it so findings meet the forensic standards for legal prosecutions. Marine Corps officials in Okinawa, Japan, where Spice usage was first identified by the Navy in 2008, said that would be a game changer. Most Marines caught with Spice are administratively separated instead of court-martialed, especially overseas, due to costs and the logistics of flying lab technicians in for testimony. Forensic testing would eliminate the need for such considerations.

How it works

The tester works by harnessing the power of the human body, Griep said. All synthetic cannabinoids bind to cannabinoid receptors in the body and cause a reaction when these compounds are introduced.

The detector mimics that process by using the same receptors that are in the human body, so the device alerts investigators when a reaction occurs — meaning that synthetic cannabinoids are present in the sample.

"So if it's going to cause an effect in your body, then this sensor will potentially detect it," Griep said.

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory's prototype biosensor model comes at a time when about 1 percent of military personnel may be using synthetic marijuana, according to the Defense Department.

The compounds are dangerous because they are unlabeled and unregulated.

"It's really quite dangerous, especially for kids," said Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman Joseph Moses. "It

presents a huge challenge for the DEA and law enforcement in general."

It is hard to quantify how many servicemembers have been arrested, convicted or separated for Spice use or possession. The Army does not keep statistics on separations due to Spice usage; however, investigators positively identified Spice, bath salts or other synthetic substances in 1,263 cases in fiscal 2013, down from 1,675 a year earlier. Those cases often involved multiple individuals. Air Force officials did not respond to repeated requests for information.

Between fiscal years 2012 and 2014, the Navy saw a 430 percent increase in the number of samples sent for analysis, from 1,840 to 62,859, Navy officials said. However, they said that is due to certain synthetic cannabinoids being added to their standard testing panel for urinalysis in December 2013.

During that same time period, positive tests decreased from 305 in fiscal 2012 to 117 in 2013. There have been 10 cases this year.

The most notable cases for the Navy occurred in 2011 when 64 sailors were busted for Spice on the USS Carl Vinson, and 28 were arrested on the USS Ronald Reagan.

During the briefing for newcomers at Marine Corps base Camp Foster in Okinawa, officials warn servicemembers about Spice, which is prevalent in Japan despite steps taken by the Japanese government to limit its use.

Marine officials in Okinawa reported 56 "Spice incidents" in 2011, according to Col. Peter Rubin, staff judge advocate for Marine Corps Installations Pacific in Okinawa. That could mean someone being caught with Spice, admitting to its use or reporting seeing someone else possessing or using Spice. The number of incidents dropped to 46 in 2012 and 29 in 2013. There have been seven cases this year.

From 2011 until now, no Marines from MCICAP and III Marine Expeditionary Force have tested positive for Spice in urinalysis tests, Rubin said. "It appears to be going down, but sometimes it's hard to tell," he said. "It's not to the level that I would consider a major problem or concern."

Rubin believes Marines are getting the message about Spice and said the Marine Corps will continue to use any means necessary to root out abuse.

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Study links vets' brain injuries to Alzheimer's

By ALAN ZAREMBO
Los Angeles Times

A new study of nearly 200,000 older military veterans has found that those with traumatic brain injuries are 60 percent more likely to develop Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

The study, published online Wednesday in the journal *Neurology*, adds to a growing body of evidence that traumatic brain injuries, or TBIs, can have a wide range of consequences long after a patient appears to recover.

The study did not answer the key question of whether the risk of dementia is elevated in cases of mild brain trauma — a common injury from roadside bombs in Afghanistan and Iraq as well as in football and other contact sports. "It's still controversial," said Donald Stein, a brain injury ex-

pert at Emory University School of Medicine who was not involved in the study.

The study was based on the medical records of 188,764 veterans ages 55 and older who had been patients in the Veterans Affairs health system from 2000 to 2003 and did not have a diagnosis of dementia during that time. Of those, 1,229 had a TBI diagnosis.

The researchers used medical records from 2003 to 2012 to compare the fates of the veterans with TBIs with the much larger group without brain injuries.

Among the veterans with TBIs, 16 percent went on to develop various types of dementia. That figure was 10 percent in the comparison group.

Dementia also tended to develop sooner in the TBI patients — two years earlier, on average.

A statistical analysis ruled out

the possibility that a history of depression, post-traumatic stress disorder — and diseases of the blood vessels supplying the brain were responsible for the higher rates of dementia, said Deborah Barnes, an epidemiologist at the University of California, San Francisco, who led the study.

Still, it was not clear that brain injuries were the cause of the dementia. It is possible that other unexplored variables — genetic predisposition or alcohol abuse, for example — could be the drivers.

Although the study looked at veterans, their injuries weren't necessarily related to military service, and experts said the results could just as easily apply to the civilian world.

"These injuries are very similar to what you would find in industrial accidents, automobile accidents and sports," Stein said.

Fort Hood shooting survivor returns home

By BARBARA O'BRIEN
The Buffalo (N.Y.) News

KILLEEN, Texas — Army Maj. Patrick W. Miller stared into the blank eyes of death.

A 45-caliber bullet, shot from just feet away, tore into him 2 inches below his heart. It ripped across his colon, smashed through a rib and embedded in his back.

After surviving two tours of duty in Iraq, dying at home at the hands of a fellow soldier was not the way he wanted to go. And it wasn't.

The Allegany, N.Y., native survived the shooting at Fort Hood on April 2 after a dramatic crawl out a window to safety.

Three other soldiers were not as lucky after Spc. Ivan Lopez went on a shooting spree at the base in central Texas. The rampage started in the 49th Transportation Battalion Headquarters, where he killed a soldier and wounded 10 others. He drove his vehicle to the motor pool building, where he fatally shot another soldier and wounded two.

Then he got to the Medical Brigade Building, where Miller worked as comptroller of the First Medical Brigade. Lopez walked into the building and shot a guard to death at the front desk.

"I can't really explain it," Miller, 32, said in an interview with The Buffalo News. "You knew it was happening. You knew what gunshots sound like. You know it's in the building, but it's surreal."

So Miller did what he has done all his life: he ran toward the trouble. Miller came upon the gunman, who shot him point-blank in the abdomen.

"At the time, you don't have time to think. It's all 'fight or flight,' and you react," he said. "My first thought was this guy can't get in this office because it would be a lot worse."

Miller secured the office. Holding his side with one hand, he used his other hand to call 911 on his cellphone.

He didn't know it at the time, but he was the last person Lopez wounded before he was confronted by a military police officer and fatally shot himself.

Miller wears a bracelet with the name of one of his friends, Jeremy Heines, engraved on it. Heines was killed in action in Iraq on June 26, 2004.

People such as Heines are heroes, Miller believes, not him.

"The people I consider heroes are the people who never make it home," Miller said. "It's the peo-

ple who make the ultimate sacrifice and never get to return home to their wives or their children or their friends, and they don't get the welcome-home ceremony, and they don't get the parade, and they don't get all that."

"Those are who I consider heroes — real heroes. That can't be replicated and duplicated. I was just doing my job and reacting and trying to save lives."

Miller will be going to Fort Leavenworth next month. He has been accepted into the Command and General Staff College for a 10-month, graduate-level course of study.

Meanwhile, he had a special homecoming this weekend.

As the Millers counted their blessings, Miller looked forward to the weekend — getting together with many friends and family members he hadn't seen since he and his wife, Ashley, were married nearly two years ago. Also, he was asked to be the grand marshal at the Old Home Week parade in Allegany on Saturday.

"That's where you see the good in people — from tragedy," Miller said. "It's amazing. Humanity and the human spirit are an amazing thing, and I believe in good — it really shined through."

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Effort to retake Tikrit ongoing

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi helicopter gunships struck suspected insurgent positions in Tikrit on Sunday as part of a government offensive to retake the predominantly Sunni hometown of former dictator Saddam Hussein from Sunni militants led by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, residents and officials said.

The Iraqi military launched its push to wrest back Tikrit, a hotbed of antipathy toward Iraq's Shiite-led government, on Saturday with a multipronged assault spearheaded by ground troops backed by tanks and helicopters. Security officials said the army is coordinating its campaign with the U.S.

Tikrit is one of two major urban centers that fell to insurgents earlier this month during their lightning offensive across the country's north and west.

The insurgents appeared to have repelled the military's initial push for Tikrit, and remained



An Iraqi Kurd helps block a road during a demonstration against the fuel crisis in Irbil, Iraq, on Sunday.

in control of the city on Sunday, but clashes were taking place in the northern neighborhood of Qadisiyah, two residents reached by telephone said.

Muhanad Saif al-Din, who lives in the city center, said he could see smoke rising from Qadisiyah, which borders the University of Tikrit, where troops brought by helicopter established a bridgehead two days ago. He said many of the militants in Tikrit had deployed to the city's outskirts, apparently to blunt the military attack.

Military spokesman Qassim al-Moussawi told reporters Sunday that the military was in full control of the university.

"The battle has several stages. The security forces have cleared most of the areas of the first stage and we have achieved results," al-

Moussawi said. "It is a matter of time before we declare the total clearing" of Tikrit.

A provincial official reached by telephone reported clashes northwest of the city around an air base that previously served as a U.S. military facility known as Camp Speicher. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief the media.

Jawad al-Bolani, a security official in the provincial operation command, said the U.S. was sharing intelligence with Iraq and has played an "essential" role in the Tikrit offensive.

"The Americans are with us and they are an important part in the success we are achieving in and around Tikrit," al-Bolani told The Associated Press.

Kerry: Syrian rebels could help fight ISIL

The Associated Press

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia — Secretary of State John Kerry signaled on Friday that the U.S. hopes to enlist moderate Syrian opposition fighters that the Obama administration has reluctantly decided to arm and train in the battle against militant extremists in neighboring Iraq.

President Barack Obama sent Congress a \$500 million request Thursday for a Pentagon-run program that would significantly expand previous covert efforts to arm rebels fighting both the Sunni extremists and forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad. The move comes amid increased U.S. concern that the conflict in Syria and Iraq are becoming an intertwined fight against the same Sunni extremist group.

If approved by lawmakers, the program would in effect open a second front in the fight against militants with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant that is spilling over Syria's border and threatening to overwhelm Iraq.

"Obviously, in light of what has happened in Iraq, we have even more to talk about in terms of the moderate opposition in Syria, which has the ability to be a very important part in pushing back against ISIL's presence and to have them not just in Syria, but also in Iraq," Kerry said at the start of a meeting with Syrian opposition leader Ahmad al-Jarba.

A senior State Department official traveling with Kerry later

said the secretary did not mean to imply that Syrian rebels would actually cross the border to fight in Iraq. The official was not authorized to brief reporters by name and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Al-Jarba thanked the Obama administration for requesting the \$500 million, but said his rebels want even more foreign aid to fight two fronts: a bloody insurgency and their so-far unsuccessful effort to oust Assad.

Al-Jarba thanked the crisis that has gripped Iraq in the last month "very grave" and blamed Iraq Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki for policies that he said have divided the country. Iraq is 60 percent Shiite, and the rest nearly evenly split between minority Sunnis and Kurds. Iraqi Sunnis, who enjoyed far greater privileges during Saddam Hussein's regime, have accused al-Maliki of sidelining minority groups from power.

"The borders between Iraq and Syria are practically open," al-Jarba told Kerry. The ISIL seized a key border crossing between Iraq and Syria in the last week.

The Senate Armed Services Committee already has approved a version of the sweeping defense policy bill authorizing the Defense Department to provide "equipment, supplies, training and defense services" to elements of the Syrian opposition that have been screened. The Senate could act on the bill before its August recess.

Risk: Threat to Jordan bordering on serious as ISIL gains ground in region

FROM FRONT PAGE

The militants have seized vast areas of northern and western Iraq, including the country's second-largest city, Mosul. With Iraq's demoralized army in disarray and verging on collapse, ISIL forces reached the Jordanian frontier, seizing the main border station along the major highway linking the capital, Amman, and Baghdad.

The ISIL's branch in Syria has openly threatened to depose King Abdullah and has reportedly tried to smuggle weapons across the northern border to sleeper cells inside the country.

The ISIL, whose goal is to form a "caliphate" stretching across much of the Middle East, and other social media, one of which showed an ISIL fighter tearing up a Jordanian passport and threatening to send a message to the "tyrant" — King Abdullah — with their explosive belts.

That could spill over into some of our allies like Jordan," President Barack Obama said Sunday in an interview on CBS television's "Face the Nation," referring to regional turmoil.

On Tuesday, King Abdullah told reporters in Berlin that "the crisis ... has shown us that transnational terrorists have no regard for borders."

Still, regional analysts have played down the likelihood that the militants pose an imminent danger to Jordan, whose security forces and British-modeled military are considered to be among the most effective and best disciplined in the Middle East.

"ISIL advances ... are a potential threat to all countries in the region," said Rami Khouli, director of the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut. "There are some small pockets of militants in Jordan, but I don't see the current situation as a major direct threat to the stability of Jordan."

Khouli said that in contrast to those in Syria and Iraq, ISIL extremists don't enjoy significant public support in Jordan, and the population would rally around the government in the event of an external threat.

Jordan's nearly 8 million people are a mix of Palestinians and Bedouin-origin Sunni Muslims. Although those two groups have their differences, the country has no large religious minorities that have been at the heart of the instability in Syria and Iraq.

Furthermore, the tactical situation is much different than in Iraq. Militants coming from Iraq would have to cross hundreds of miles of desert where the Jordanian air force and army could

easily pick them off in the open.

"Jihadist groups in general have always thought Jordan is a legitimate target, but not an immediate target," said Musa Shetwi, head of the University of Jordan's Center for Strategic Studies. "Their immediate target now is the Iraqi central government. But if this conflict continues and if ISIL becomes a dominant factor, there is definitely a threat to Jordan."

Facing the possibility, Jordan's military has in recent weeks significantly bolstered security along its borders with Syria and Iraq. The 112-mile frontier with Iraq, about 200 miles east of Amman across a stony desert, was reinforced with armored personnel carriers and other heavy weapons. Jordanian aircraft have attacked truck convoys inside Iraqi territory near the border several times in recent weeks because they were believed to be carrying arms and insurgents.

The Jordanian air force is converting several of its Airbus twin-turboprop transports into specialized anti-insurgency gunships armed with air-to-ground Hellfire missiles and M230 30 mm cannons.

Jordan also has powerful friends — the United States, Saudi Arabia and Israel — each with strong interest in the survival of the Jordanian monarchy.

The Pentagon has deployed

a squadron of F-16s and Patriot air defense missiles to the country. And 12,000 troops from the United States, Europe and the Arab world participated in joint exercises in northern Jordan a few weeks ago.

Despite formidable resources at their disposal, the Jordanians face potential challenges as long as unrest rips the neighbors.

The ISIL is the successor to al-Qaida in Iraq, which fought U.S. forces in Iraq after the 2003 invasion. Its founder, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was a Jordanian ex-convict who was responsible for the fatal bombings of Amman hotels in 2005. Al-Zarqawi vowed more attacks before he was killed in 2006 in a U.S. airstrike northeast of Baghdad.

Passions inside the country have been sharpening as the jihadists expand their control in Iraq.

Jordanian security sources estimate there are about 2,500 Jordanian Islamists fighting in Syria and Iraq. About 250 have been killed in action so far.

Jordan's restive Sunni Islamists, meanwhile, are centered largely in the troublesome and long-neglected southern city of Maan, where on June 20 people demonstrated in the streets hailing ISIL "victories" in Iraq. Dozens of jihadists were killed in Syria and in the city, which seethes

with anti-government hostility and clashes between security forces and locals.

Security authorities now fear that the ISIL is including sleeper cells in Jordan among the torrent of refugees pouring across the border. As a result, Jordan is asking international donors for \$1 billion to use to address increased security concerns due to the presence of at least 600,000 Syrian refugees, about as much as has been asked for education and health services for the refugees.

The global intelligence firm Stratfor said that although the ISIL would face severe constraints if it tried to push military operations into Jordan, it has the capability of carrying out more terrorist attacks.

Blanche also warned that although Jordan has been able to weather the regional unrest in recent years, the possibility that the ISIL could covertly send its fighters into the country had to be taken very seriously.

"Given President Obama's failure to act decisively throughout the jihadist offensive in the region, in which they now control more territory than they have ever done, King Abdullah has every reason to chawing his fingernails to the bone with worry," Blanche said.

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NATION

Warrant: Man did Internet search on kids dying in cars

By KATHLEEN FOODY
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — A Georgia man charged with murder after his 22-month-old son died in a hot SUV searched online for information about kids dying in cars and told police he feared it could happen, according to documents released Saturday as the boy's family held his funeral in Alabama.

The warrants released by the Cobb County Police Department provide more insight into the investigation of Cooper Harris' death on June 18.

Justin Ross Harris, 33, has told police he was supposed to drive his son to day care that morning but drove to work without realizing that his son was strapped into a car seat in the back.

In an interview after his son's death, Harris told investigators that he had done an online search on what temperature could cause a child's death in a vehicle. The warrants don't specify when Harris did the searches.

"During an interview with Justin, he stated that he recently researched, through the internet, child deaths inside vehicles and what temperature it needs to be for that to occur. Justin stated that he was fearful that this could

happen," one of the four warrants released to The Associated Press stated.

Harris also told police he was on his way to meet friends after work when he realized his son was in the backseat and pulled into a shopping center to get help, according to the warrants.

Harris is charged with murder and second-degree child cruelty in his son's death, and remained in jail on Saturday as family members held a funeral in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported that Harris called the ceremony from the Cobb County Jail in Marietta, Ga., and emotionally thanked people for their support since his arrest hours after the boy's death.

"(Cooper) never did anything to anyone," Harris said. "I'm just sorry I can't be there."

The boy's mother, Leanna Harris, also made her first comments about her son's death and the charges against her husband at the funeral ceremony.

"Ross was and is a wonderful father," Harris said to the applause of about 250 mourners according to the newspaper.

Police have said facts in the case "do not point toward simple negligence."

Ga. parents surrender on child cruelty charge

By STEVE VISSER
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

ATLANTA — The Wimbushs seemed to neighbors like a large and loving family with quirky religious beliefs before they disappeared from sight a few days ago.

That was when Gwinnett Police issued arrest warrants for cruelty to children, contending the parents kept their 13-year-old son locked in a basement room for two years in a bizarre case in which the image of the family seemed at odds with the charges.

"I don't think anyone in the neighborhood knew them well, but the kids would be outside playing; they seemed happy," said Pamela Harris. "When you did see them, they would be all together. The parents would be with them."

The father, Ricardo Wimbush, surrendered to the Gwinnett County Jail Friday night, according to Deputy S. Volkodav, spokeswoman for the Gwinnett sheriff. The mother, Therian Wimbush, followed shortly after him to also be booked into jail on charges of cruelty to children and false imprisonment.

The Buford couple have 10 children, three of whom they had

when married during their days at Georgia Tech, where Ricardo was a football star and team captain in 2002. Therian was a tutor and earned dual degrees from Spelman College and Tech.

Recardo, 33, and Therian, 37, told investigators they had locked their 13-year-old son in a room in the basement for "disciplinary reasons," said Cpl. Jake Smith, spokesman for Gwinnett Police.

Another neighbor described them as a private but friendly family whose children always displayed good manners and were always well-kept. She worried how kids were doing in state custody because the family seemed so tight-knit.

Ashley Fielding, spokeswoman for the State Department of Human Services, said privacy laws prohibit disclosing whether it has had previous contact with the Wimbush family unless a child suffers death or serious physical injury.

The Wimbushes told a judge at a June 19 family court hearing the 13-year-old was a threat to their other children. The boy said he was being punished for taking the family DVD player and lying about it.



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This artist's rendering shows Judge John Facciola swearing in defendant Ahmed Abu Khattala as his attorney, Michelle Peterson, looks on in a hearing Saturday at the U.S. District Court in Washington.

Benghazi suspect's court case could offer clarity

By MARK SHERMAN,
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A court appearance for the suspected mastermind of the attacks on the U.S. mission in Benghazi, Libya, is the first step in a long legal process that could yield new insight into a fiery assault that continues to reverberate across U.S. politics.

The case of Ahmed Abu Khattala, who pleaded not guilty during a brief court appearance Saturday, also represents a high-profile test of the Obama administration's goal of prosecuting terrorism suspects in civilian courts — even in the face of Republican critics who say such defendants aren't entitled to the protections of the American legal system.

Abu Khattala made his first appearance in an American courtroom amid tight security two weeks after being captured in Libya by U.S. special forces in a nighttime raid and then whisked away on a Navy ship for questioning and transport. He was flown early Saturday from the ship to a landing pad in Washington and brought to the federal courthouse, a downtown building mere blocks from the U.S. Capitol.

A grand jury indictment made public Saturday accuses Abu Khattala of participating in a conspiracy to provide material support and resources to terrorists in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2012, that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans. The Justice Department says it expects to bring more charges.

The Libyan who maintained a garrulous public persona at home — granting interviews with journalists and gaining popularity and prominence in Benghazi's circle of extremists — showed little reaction during a 10-minute

appearance before a federal magistrate judge. He spoke just two words, both in Arabic, in response to perfunctory questions, stared impassively for most of the hearing and sat with his hands behind his back.

He will remain in custody where — and the next court date was scheduled for Wednesday. As the Justice Department embarks on a high-profile prosecution of the suspected militant, the case is likely to provide a public forum for new details about a burst of violence — on the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks — that rolled the Middle East and dominated American political discourse. In the nearly two years since the attack, dozens of congressional briefings and hearings have been held and tens of thousands of pages of documents have been released. Yet there's still a dispute over what happened.

Republicans accused the White House, as the 2012 presidential election neared, of intentionally misleading the public about what prompted the attacks by portraying it as one of the many protests over an anti-Muslim video made in America instead of a calculated terrorist attack. The White House said Republicans were politicizing a national tragedy.

The capture of Abu Khattala marked the first significant breakthrough in the investigation of the attacks. Prosecutors say they hope to identify, locate and bring to court any additional co-conspirators.

"Now that Ahmed Abu Khattala has arrived in the United States, he will face the full weight of our justice system," Attorney General Eric Holder said in a statement Saturday. "We will prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, the defendant's alleged role in the attack that killed four brave Americans in Benghazi."

The Obama administration has said it's committed to prosecuting defendants like Abu Khattala in American courts. Government officials point to successful prosecutions, like the March conviction in New York of Osama bin Laden's son-in-law, to suggest that the civilian justice system is fair, efficient and can yield harsh penalties for suspected terrorists.



Abu Khattala

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NATION

Obama to seek border crisis aid

By Christopher Sherman

The Associated Press

BROWNSVILLE, Texas — President Barack Obama will seek more than \$2 billion to respond to the flood of immigrants illegally entering the U.S. through the Rio Grande Valley area of Texas and across new powers to deal with returning immigrant children apprehended while traveling without their parents, a White House official said Saturday.

With Obama looking to Congress for help with what he has called an "urgent humanitarian situation," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi visited a Border Patrol facility in Brownsville that held unaccompanied children. More than 52,000 unaccompanied children, most from Central America, have been apprehended entering the U.S. illegally since

October.

"The fact is these are children — children and families," Pelosi said. "We have a moral responsibility to address this in a dignified way."

Obama plans to make the requests of Congress in a letter to be sent Monday, the White House official said. Details of the emergency appropriation, including the exact amount and how it will be spent, will come after lawmakers return from their holiday recess on July 7, said the official, who was not authorized to speak by name and discussed the requests on condition of anonymity.

Obama will also ask that the Homeland Security Department be granted the authority to apply "fast track" procedures to the screening and deportation of all immigrant children traveling without their parents and

that stiffer penalties be applied to those who smuggle children across the border, the official said. Obama's requests were reported first by The New York Times.

In Brownsville, Pelosi said she holds little hope that Congress will pass comprehensive immigration reform this year but that politics should be set aside.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor's surprise primary loss this month almost certainly doomed the chance for an immigration overhaul in the GOP-controlled House this year. Cantor, R-Va., had spoken in favor of citizenship for immigrants brought illegally to this country as youths. He lost to a political novice who made immigration the race's central issue, accusing Cantor of embracing "amnesty" and open borders.

Republicans have criticized

Obama's immigration policies, arguing they've left the impression that women and children from Central America will be allowed to stay in the United States. The administration has worked to send a clear message in recent weeks that new arrivals will be targeted for deportation. But immigrants arriving from those countries say they are fleeing pervasive gang violence and crushing poverty.

The Border Patrol in South Texas has been overwhelmed for several months by an influx of unaccompanied children and parents traveling with young children from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. Unlike Mexican immigrants arrested after entering the U.S. illegally, those from Central America cannot be as easily returned to their countries.

Mars 'saucer' splashes down after NASA test

LOS ANGELES — NASA has tested new technology designed to bring spacecraft — and one day astronauts — safely down to Mars, with the agency declaring the experiment a qualified success even though a parachute got tangled on the way down.

Saturday's \$150 million experiment is the first of three involving the Low Density Supersonic Decelerator vehicle. Tests are being conducted at high altitude to mimic descent through the thin atmosphere of the Red Planet.

A balloon hauled the saucer-shaped craft 120,000 feet into the sky from a Navy missile range on the Hawaiian island of Kauai. Then, the craft's own rocket boosted it to more than 30 miles high at supersonic speeds.

As the craft prepared to fall back to earth, a doughnut-shaped tube around it expanded, creating atmospheric drag to dramatically slow it down from Mach 4, or four times the speed of sound. Then the parachute unfurled — but only partially. The vehicle made a hard landing in the Pacific Ocean.

No injuries reported after quake in Ariz., NM

SAFFORD, Ariz. — A moderate earthquake struck in Arizona near the New Mexico line that was widely felt across the region, but no injuries or damages were immediately reported.

County sheriffs' offices on both sides of the state line reported receiving numerous phone calls after Saturday's magnitude-5.2 quake shook the largely rural region. It was felt as far away as Phoenix and El Paso, Texas, both about 175 miles from the epicenter, as well as in parts of Mexico, which begins some 80 miles to the south.

Child dies after shop's security grate hits her

PHILADELPHIA — Authorities were investigating how a metal security grate detached and fell from the facade of an Italian ice shop Saturday afternoon, killing a 3-year-old girl.

The girl was at the Rina's Water Ice store in north Philadelphia where a fundraiser was underway when she was killed around 4:30 p.m., police and witnesses said. Members of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity rushed to the girl's aid, witnesses said. The girl was taken to Hahnemann University Hospital and died after arrival.

"It took about 20 to 30 men to get that awning off of the baby," witness Tracey Stanford told KYW-TV.

Cruise ship returns to Seattle following fire

SEATTLE — A fire in the boiler room of a cruise ship carrying nearly 3,000 people prompted the vessel to return to port in Seattle, officials said.

Holland America said there were no injuries among the 2,086 passengers and 798 crewmembers of the Westerdam from Saturday's blaze.

From The Associated Press

Faith keeps Dems' chances alive in South

By Christina A. Cassidy

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Jason Carter, former President Jimmy Carter's grandson, stepped into the pulpit of South Columbus United Methodist Church for a Palm Sunday sermon and offered a message of Christian responsibility to the poor, with his phone in hand.

"How many of you have the Bible [app] on your phone? I bet all of you do," Carter, 38, said to laughs from the crowd. Worshipers listened as the Democrat running for Georgia governor read from his phone a New Testament verse about the importance of "things that are not seen."

The technology has changed in the four decades since Jimmy Carter spoke openly about his religious beliefs while campaigning, first for Georgia governor and then president. But the broader message of a shared faith remains the same.

Religion offers a powerful connection with many in the South, considered the most religious part of the country. Some Democrats hoping to reverse Republican gains in Georgia and elsewhere are finding their faith can be a valuable way to reach voters.

Religion can be a very personal matter for many candidates, varying in how much they are willing to talk about their faith.

In Kentucky, Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Alison Lundergan Grimes hasn't spoken much publicly about her Catholic upbringing. But in Georgia, U.S. Senate candidate Michelle Nunn highlighted her faith in an early TV ad about her grandmother, whom she called "Mama."

"I remember as a child, going to church with Mama, every Sunday in every town we lived in, how we live our faith by helping others," Democrat Nunn says as an image of her as a young child sitting in church flashes on the screen.

Nunn, in an interview, said faith is a powerful bond shared by many. Raised Methodist, she attends church in Atlanta and is



Georgia Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jason Carter, left, sits with his grandparents Rosalynn and former President Jimmy Carter during a church service in Plains, Ga., this month.

raising her two children in the Methodist faith.

"I think that faith is certainly something that transcends political parties," Nunn said. "The reason I decided to talk about it is because it's an important part of who I am."

Sometimes candidates are even more direct in highlighting their religious beliefs.

Sen. Mark Pryor, of Arkansas, one of the most vulnerable Democrats up for re-election this year, is trying to win over those who might disagree with his vote for the federal health care law but who might be willing to support someone who calls the Bible his compass. In a statewide TV ad last year, Pryor said: "The Bible teaches us no one has all the answers; only God does. And neither political party is always right."

In the Kentucky race, Grimes

is said to pray before campaign events and had a priest with the family on the night of the primary election, but she rarely mentions her faith during campaign stops. It's particularly interesting given that when her father, Jerry Lundergan, was chairman of Kentucky's Democratic Party, he pushed it to embrace religion, arguing Democrats should not let Republicans define themselves as the party of faith.

Nationally, Kentucky and Georgia may represent the Democrats' best hopes to thwart a Republican plan to take control of the Senate. Both Grimes and Nunn are considered to be strong recruits who have already proved to be prolific fundraisers. Religion could offer them an important way to expand their base of support and bring in more rural voters.

"For Democrats who are disad-

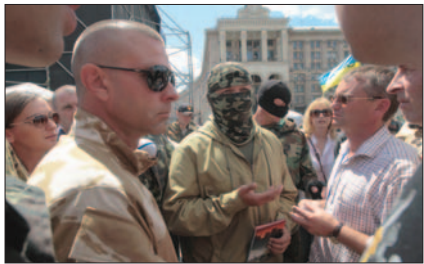
vantaged politically in the region, it's one way for them to at least attempt to neutralize the impact or the advantage that religiosity has for the Republican Party," said Andrea Gillespie, an Emory University political science professor. "If you have a Democrat who can make credible claims of faith, that might actually help to undermine support for the Republican candidate at least on the issue of, 'Does this person share my values?'"

Regardless of party affiliation, the South has the highest concentration of people who identify themselves as religious. Gallup polling last year found that the most religious states in the country were in the South. Among those, 52 percent in Georgia said they were very religious, while 49 percent in Kentucky reported the same.

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WORLD

Ukraine soldiers call for lifting of cease-fire



SERGEI CHUZAKOV/AP

Semen Sementchenko, center, commander of the "Donbass" battalion of Ukraine, attends a rally Sunday in Independence Square in Kiev, Ukraine.

The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Several hundred Ukrainian soldiers and activists gathered outside the presidential administration in Kiev on Sunday to call for an end to the cease-fire in eastern Ukraine, an indication that tensions remain high a day ahead of a deadline for steps toward easing the violence.

After the weeklong cease-fire expired Friday, President Petro Poroshenko agreed to extend it through Monday in an effort to stop the fighting between government troops and Moscow-backed separatists that has left hundreds dead.

The European Union also set a Monday deadline for Russia and the separatists to take a series

of steps, including releasing all captives, retreating from border checkpoints, agreeing on a way to verify the cease-fire and beginning "substantial negotiations" on Poroshenko's peace plan. If this was not done, the EU warned that it was ready to impose new punitive measures on Russia.

Soldiers from the Donbass battalion, a militia formed by volunteers, appealed to Poroshenko on Sunday to allow them to resume the fight.

A presidential administration official, Henadii Zubko, promised to pass on their demands to the president, but told them that the cease-fire order would remain in effect until 10 p.m. EST Monday.

Both sides have been accused

of violating the cease-fire.

Late Saturday, pro-Russia separatists released a second team of four observers from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe who had been held captive in eastern Ukraine since the end of May. The first team of four was freed previously.

Ukraine on Friday signed a free-trade pact with the EU, the very deal that the former Ukrainian president dumped under pressure from Moscow in November, fueling huge protests that eventually drove him from power.

Moscow responded to those events by annexing the mainly Russian-speaking Crimean Peninsula in March, and the pro-Russian insurgency in eastern Ukraine broke out a month later.

US takes gay rights global

By VANESSA GERA
The Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — President Barack Obama has taken the U.S. gay rights revolution global, using American embassies across the world to promote a cause that still divides his own country.

Sometimes U.S. advice and encouragement is condemned as unacceptable meddling. And sometimes it can seem to backfire, increasing the pressure on those it is meant to help.

With gay pride parades taking place in many cities across the world this weekend, the U.S. role will be more visible than ever. Diplomats will take part in parades and some embassies will fly the rainbow flag along with the Stars and Stripes.

The United States sent five openly gay ambassadors abroad last year, with a sixth nominee, to Vietnam, now awaiting Senate confirmation. American diplomats are working to support gay rights in countries such as Poland, where prejudice remains deep, and to oppose violence and other abuse in countries like Nigeria and Russia, where gays face life-threatening risks.

"It is incredible. I am amazed by what the U.S. is doing to help us," said Mariusz Kurc, the editor of a Polish gay advocacy magazine, *Replika*, which has received some U.S. funding and other help. "We are used to struggling and not finding any support."

Former President George W. Bush supported AIDS prevention efforts globally, but it was the Obama administration that launched the push to make lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights an international issue. The watershed moment came in December 2011, when then-



REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

Drag performers stand at the start of Mexico City's annual gay pride parade on Saturday.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton went to the United Nations in Geneva and proclaimed LGBT rights "one of the remaining human rights challenges of our time."

Since then, embassies have been opening their doors to gay rights activists, hosting events and supporting local advocacy work. The State Department has since spent \$12 million on the efforts in over 50 countries through the Global Equality Fund, an initiative launched to fund the new work.

Just weeks after the Supreme Court struck down parts of the Defense of Marriage Act last June, consular posts also began issuing immigrant visas to the same-sex spouses of gay Americans.

One beneficiary was Jake Lees, 27, an Englishman who had been forced to spend long periods apart from his American partner, Austin Armacost, since they met six years ago. In May, Lees was issued a fiancé visa at the U.S. Embassy in London. The couple married two weeks ago and are now starting a new life together

in Franklin, Ind., as they wait for Lees' green card.

"I felt like the officers at the embassy treated us the way they would treat a heterosexual couple," said Armacost, 26, a fitness and nutrition instructor. "It's a mind-boggling change after gay couples were treated like legal strangers for the first three centuries of our country's history."

Some conservative American groups are outraged by the policy. Brian Brown, president of the National Organization for Marriage, calls it "a slap in the face to the majority of Americans," given that American voters have rejected same-sex marriage in a number of state referendums.

"This is taking a flawed view of what it means to be a human being — male and female — and trying to impose that on countries throughout the world," Brown said. "The administration would like people to believe that this is simply 'live and let live.' No, this is coercion in its worst possible form."

The American efforts are tailored to local conditions, said Scott Busby, the deputy assistant secretary for the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor at the State Department. Ambassadors can decide individually whether to hoist the rainbow flag, as embassies in Tel Aviv, London and Prague have done, or show support in other ways.

While some gay rights activists say support from the U.S. and other Western countries adds moral legitimacy to their cause, it can also cause a backlash.

Rauda Morcos, a prominent Palestinian lesbian activist, said local communities, particularly in the Middle East, have to find their own ways of asserting themselves. She criticized the U.S. and Western efforts in general to help gay communities elsewhere as patronizing.

"It is a colonial approach," she said. "In cases where it was tried, it didn't help local communities and maybe made things even worse."

Pakistani couple slain over love marriage

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A 17-year-old girl and her husband were killed by her family for marrying without its consent, and another young woman was burned alive by a man for refusing his proposal in Pakistan's eastern Punjab province, police said Sunday.

Muafia Bibi and her husband, Sajjad Ahmed, 30, were killed in Satrah village Friday night, allegedly by her parents, two uncles and her grandfather, said Asghar Ali, the area police chief.

He said the couple was hacked to death with a butcher's knife, and that all five suspects have been apprehended.

Ali said the couple married on June 19, and that the family had lured them back home by saying it accepted the marriage. He said it was Ahmed's third marriage, with the first ending in divorce and his second wife leaving him after he married Bibi.

Elsewhere in Punjab, a man burned alive a young girl he wanted to marry after her family refused his proposal. Fayaz Aslam, 26, doused Sidra Shaukat, 20, in gasoline before setting her alight in a field, said Akhtar Saeed, a district police official.

Saeed said the girl was taken to a hospital, where she died overnight. He said Aslam was arrested for murder.

Marrying for love is a taboo among conservative Muslims in Pakistan, where hundreds of people are killed each year by their own relatives over alleged sexual indiscretions, which are believed to bring shame upon the family. The victims are usually women but in some cases couples are killed.

WORLD



Ahn YOUNG-JOON/AP

People at Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea, on Sunday watch a TV news program showing a missile launch conducted by North Korea. North Korea fired two short-range missiles into its eastern waters Sunday, a South Korean official said.

S. Korea: North fired 2 missiles

By JUNG-YOON CHOI
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea fired two short-range Scud missiles into its eastern waters Sunday, a South Korean official said, in an apparent test just days after the country tested what it called new precision-guided missiles.

A South Korean military official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, citing department rules, said the missiles were fired from Wonsan and are presumed to be short-range Scud ballistic missiles. The official added that the military is determining what kind of Scud missiles the projectiles were.

South Korean media quoted officials as saying the missiles are presumed to be Scud-C missiles, the same as ones fired in March. North Korea fired the missiles without designating no-sail zones, which the South Korean military views as provocative.

North Korea regularly test-fires missiles and artillery, both to refine its weapons and to express its anger over various devel-

opments in Seoul and Washington. North Korea has in recent days criticized alleged South Korean artillery firing drills near a disputed maritime boundary in the Yellow Sea that has been the scene of several bloody skirmishes between the rival nations in recent years.

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North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons ambitions.

North Korea said Friday that leader Kim Jong Un guided test launches of a newly developed precision-guided missiles, in a likely reference to three short-range

projectiles South Korean officials say the North fired a day earlier.

It's not possible to tell if this assertion about the new missiles is an exaggeration, something North Korea has frequently done in the past when trumpeting its military capability, analysts say. Its army is one of the world's largest but is believed to be badly supplied and forced to use outdated equipment.

Still, the impoverished North devotes much of its scarce resources to missile and nuclear programs that threaten South Korea, Japan and tens of thousands of U.S. troops in the region. Outside analysts say North Korea has developed a handful of crude nuclear devices and is working toward building a warhead small enough to mount on a long-range missile, although most experts say that goal may take years to achieve.

After a brief period of warming ties earlier this year, animosity has risen on the Korean Peninsula. North Korea has in recent months threatened South Korea's president, and the South has vowed to hit North Korea hard if provoked.

1 arrested in attack on hotel in Nigeria

By ZAINAB JUNAID
dpa

LAGOS, Nigeria — One suspect has been arrested in connection with Friday's deadly attack on a hotel in the red light district in Bauchi, Nigeria, the Bauchi State Police Commissioner said Saturday.

Lawal Shehu told journalists the suspect was being interrogated and that efforts to apprehend his accomplices had intensified.

The blast took place late Friday at a building on the outskirts of the city believed to have been used as a brothel. Witnesses said gunmen wearing military uniforms detonated explosives and began shooting people at random.

The commissioner said the number of victims had risen to 11 dead and 28 injured.

A survivor, Ahmed Maidoki, told the News Agency of Nigeria that five men in military uniforms carried out the attack.

"We were just sitting down, watching highlights of the ongoing FIFA World Cup at the viewing center . . . when five men dressed in military uniform strolled in," Maidoki said.

"The next thing I heard was an explosion," he said. "... We were trying to get out when the five men started shooting sporadically at anyone who tried to stand up and, in the process, killing many of the survivors of the blast."

Another witness, Usman Hassan, said he was about to enter the hotel when the blast occurred.

"As soon as I was a bit far from the scene, I heard gunshots," Hassan said. "A few minutes later, a white Toyota Hilux vehicle zoomed out of the hotel on high speed with men wearing army uniforms."

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack, but the radical Islamist group Boko Haram has targeted Bauchi in the past.

Boko Haram, which launched its insurgency against the government in 2009 with the aim of creating an Islamic state in Nigeria, has killed more than 2,000 people in the country's north this year alone.

India detains officials in probe of deadly building collapse

The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Police in southern India detained five construction company officials Sunday as rescuers using gas cutters and shovels searched for dozens of workers believed buried in the rubble of a building that collapsed during monsoon rains. It was one of two weekend building collapses that killed at least 22 people.

Nearly 90 contract workers were believed to have been in the basement of the 11-story structure to collect their wages when it collapsed Saturday on the outskirts of Chennai, the capital of Tamil Nadu state.

Police said 31 had been pulled out and seven died on the spot and another seven succumbed to injuries in a hospital.

The exact number of those trapped was unknown but rescuers could hear feeble voices in the debris, said T.S. Sridhar, the disaster management agency commissioner. Officials used gas cutters, iron rods and shovels after cranes lifted concrete blocks

to get to the survivors.

"Removing debris is a major challenge," said S.P. Selvam, who is heading the rescue operation. "It may take two to three days to clear the rubble."

Police officer Fernandes said two directors, two engineers and one supervisor of the construction company, Prime Sri Sri, were detained for questioning as authorities began investigating the collapse.

Balaguru, one of the builders, said the structure collapsed possibly due to the impact of lightning.

"Usually, once the construction gets over we install the equipment to prevent the building from a thunder strike. It was nearing completion," the Press Trust of India news agency quoted Balaguru, who uses one name, as saying.

Earlier Saturday, 11 people died and one was hurt when a four-story, 50-year-old structure toppled in an area of New Delhi inhabited by the poor, fire service officer Praveer Haldar said.



ARUN SANKAR K/AP

Rescuers search on Sunday for workers believed buried in the rubble of a building that collapsed late Saturday during monsoon rains on the outskirts of Chennai, India. It was one of two building collapses over the weekend that left at least 22 dead.

WORLD



PHILIPP SCHULZE, DPA/AP

Tim Grunewald plays with one-year-old Carl at the army child-care of the Theodor-Kaerner-Kaserne, barracks, in Lueneburg, Germany, on Jan. 21. Germany's ambitious defense minister von der Leyen wants to equip the country's newly all-volunteer military with several attractive perks, as it competes with business for recruits in a humming economy.

'Attractiveness offensive'

Germany launches drive to bring best and brightest into all-volunteer military

By GEIR MOULSON
The Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany's defense minister plans to equip the country's newly all-volunteer military with better childcare, more attractive barracks and Internet access — giving it a face-lift as it competes with business for new recruits in a humming economy.

Ursula von der Leyen, who became Germany's first female defense minister in December and is widely considered a potential successor to Chancellor Angela Merkel, recently set out plans to put 100 million euros (\$136 million) over the next five years into dusting off the Bundeswehr's starchy image.

They include more daycare facilities for children, new furniture and Internet access for

'People who are young and qualified have a multitude of offers today ... and they choose the employer who, among other things, makes the most interesting offers.'

Ursula von der Leyen
German defense minister

AP



all in military barracks, more flexible working hours for some, extra computers and easing the practice of regularly moving servicepeople.

Germany abandoned conscription in 2011, a relative latecomer

to a trend in Europe toward largely professional armies. The military needs to aim for about 60,000 young applicants a year, von der Leyen said.

"We want the best," she said. "People who are young and quali-

fied have a multitude of offers today ... and they choose the employer who, among other things, makes the most interesting offers."

Unemployment in Germany stands at 6.6 percent — far below double-digit rates in many other European nations.

The push comes as other allied countries are facing the opposite problem. The U.S., for example, is in the process of cutting tens of thousands of troops from its military with the winding-down of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Von der Leyen's so-called "attractiveness offensive" has received a mixed reception.

Retired Gen. Harald Kujat, once Germany's top military officer and chairman of the NATO Military Committee, said the plans appeared to have been "drawn up by people who don't know the Bundeswehr" and argued that modernizing Germany's military

equipment is more urgent.

"Rather than kindergartens, it would much more helpful to a soldier's family if they knew that everything is being done for his safety in deployment," Kujat told the Sueddeutsche Zeitung.

Von der Leyen sharply dismissed that criticism. It's right for Germany to invest billions in good equipment, she said, "but is that a reason not to think about at least investing millions in the people who have to operate this highly complex equipment?"

Von der Leyen inherited a long-term military reform plan that will see the military comprised of 170,000 full-time professionals and up to 15,000 short-term volunteers, better-adapted to deployments in hot spots such as Afghanistan and Africa rather than the earlier priority of defending West Germany on the Cold War front line.

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OPINION

To slow the migration, stop the abuse

By HOLLY BURKHALTER

It is not news to Guatemalan, Salvadoran and Honduran children that they are at high risk of violent abuse and have nowhere to turn for protection. But now that they are fleeing across our border by the tens of thousands, it is apparently news to U.S. policymakers. The drug trade that is destroying Central American societies is clearly part of the problem. But kids aren't only fleeing narco-violence and gangs; they are also trying to escape sexual abuse. The United States should commit significant forensic assistance to address this overlooked aspect of the child migration crisis.

Consider the case of Guatemala. Large numbers of children are preyed upon by adults, usually someone in the home or otherwise known to the victim. A study by Doctors Without Borders found that, among 14- to 18-year-old girls in high-crime zones, 1 in 3 had suffered sexual assault in the previous 12 months. Child victims of sexual violence are highly vulnerable to homelessness, sex trafficking, gangs or addiction. In its safe house in Guatemala City, Casa Alianza (Covenant House) provides shelter and care to girls as young as 12; virtually all of them have been assaulted in their homes or trafficked for sexual exploitation.

The Guatemalan government has responded to this epidemic by adopting new child protection standards in its protocols for prosecutors and designing a special police sexual assault unit in the capital. But police, prosecutors and courts remain dramatically under-resourced and under-trained; tens of thousands of cases are backlogged and going nowhere.

By WILLIAM PESEK

Bloomberg News

TOKYO
Asian geopolitics may never be the same now that Kim Jong Un has Seth Rogen and James Franco in his cross hairs.

Their new comedy, "The Interview," centers on a plot to assassinate Kim. The baby-faced dictator with the awful haircut doesn't see the humor in it. His dad, Kim Jong Il, was none-too-happy about being the dupe in the 2004 feature, "Team America," by the "South Park" guys. Nor did he enjoy seeing James Bond foil Pyongyang in 2002's "Die Another Day." Now, Kim the younger has warned Washington that allowing distribution of the Rogen-Franco film is an "act of war." He punctuated his displeasure by firing three short-range missiles Thursday.

Hollywood's best script writers couldn't make this stuff up. What is it with Tinseltown and the Hermit Kingdom anyway? Pyongyang's ruthlessness has provided plot points for, among others, "World War Z," with Brad Pitt; "Salt," featuring Angelina Jolie; "Olympus Is Falling," starring Morgan Freeman; and "Stealth," with Jamie Foxx. In 2012, when director Dan Bradley filmed a remake of the 1984 film "Red Dawn," North Koreans replaced Russians as the villainous invaders.

The Kim Dynasty is a wonderfully easy

International Justice Mission recently conducted a study of the 36,166 complaints of sexual assault filed in Guatemala's Public Ministry (the country's prosecution service) from 2008 to 2012 and found that the courts have successfully adjudicated a paltry 5.8 percent of these cases. Only one case in 10 even makes it to indictment, because law enforcement and prosecutors are unable to professionally question victims, gather evidence, apprehend perpetrators or secure appropriate forensic medical reports. Men who prey on impoverished children know they need not fear apprehension or prosecution.

When kids aren't protected at home, at least some of them will flee. A recent report from the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees stated that 22 percent of the Central American child refugees they interviewed said they had survived abuse and violence in their homes.

Congress is expected to increase funding for the Central American Regional Security Initiative, which has received \$800 million over the past five years to combat the drug trade. But stabilizing this immigration crisis should not be limited to fighting narco-trafficking. Congress should seize the occasion to fund promising initiatives that could protect vulnerable children and stabilize slum neighborhoods where sexual violence is rampant. Guatemala City's special sexual assault police unit should be replicated, funded and deployed throughout the country. Providing police with mentoring on actual, real-time child sexual assault cases and increasing their collaboration with prosecutors can raise competence and morale quickly.

U.S. aid could also scale up Guatemala's

innovative first-response facilities for sexual assault victims, where prosecutors and judges receive testimony, forensic medical personnel collect evidence and defense attorneys represent the interests of suspects. There are nine of these facilities based in the offices of the Public Ministry. Additional assistance could be used to add a trauma care component to the model and take it to scale throughout the country.

Investment is desperately needed for residences and drop-in centers offering shelter and protection for abused, trafficked or homeless children. High levels of violence in slum neighborhoods and sexual abuse at home have contributed to nearly 15,000 Guatemalan kids living on the street. They are easy targets for traffickers, pedophiles and gangs.

These are the conditions that are pushing a substantial percentage of child migrants across international borders. The United States could and should help the government develop a functioning child protection service that collaborates with responsible nongovernmental organizations to offer refuge and education to at-risk Guatemalan youth.

If the United States and European governments, donors and international development institutions do not prioritize taking predators off the streets and creating more safe residences and programs for vulnerable kids in the region, we can expect to see ever-growing numbers of unaccompanied children fleeing their terrifying homes and nations and seeking safety in ours.

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Kim Jong Un declares he's ready for his closeup

target—a freak show away in executions, purges, harems and intrigue that would make Shakespeare blush and "Game of Thrones" seem quaint. Kim's dare-the-world image provides reams of fodder for satirists. Who can forget a puppet-version of Kim Jong Il dancing around his palace in "Team America" singing "I'm so lonely" and "poor little me"? The country has replaced the now-defunct Soviet Union as the ultimate riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma, run by a 30-something who reality-TV's Dennis Rodman might understand better than President Barack Obama.

In spite of the temptation to laugh off Kim's saber-rattling, there's a serious point to consider: North Korea's leadership is increasingly uninged and volatile. That leaves the rest of the world with nothing but bad options. Seriously, when Kim is ready to declare war over a movie, everyone has a problem.

Diplomacy doesn't seem equal to the task. The six-party talks designed to contain North Korea's nuclear-weapons program, for example, have gone nowhere for years. The events of the last six months alone show why this negotiating forum is no more alive to the Doha end-of-trade talks or the Kyoto carbon-emissions treaty—even if the world pretends all three are still workable.

Nor does it help that major world powers are unwilling to confront Kim. Quite

the opposite. As North Korea's economy unravels and Kim grows more desperate, Russia is forging ties with Pyongyang after alienating most of the world with its Crimea annexation. Beijing, meanwhile, refuses to wield its considerable economic leverage to rein in Kim as its land-grab around the Pacific Rim makes regional cooperation impossible. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is hinting at a visit to Pyongyang, which probably would do little to mollify North Korea and a lot to irritate South Korea and the United States. His interest is less about a denuclearized North Korea than the fate of at least 17 Japanese believed to have been kidnapped by Pyongyang over the years.

One thing we do know about the Kim: They hate being ignored. Why? Just think about the strategy behind the country's foreign policy. The less attention North Korea gets, the fewer opportunities it has to extort the West for the aid that props up its bankrupt economy. Given recent events in Ukraine, Syria, Iran and now Iraq, Kim has gotten zero airtime. Thanks to Hollywood, he now has an excuse to lash out at a world looking elsewhere. Sorry to say that, but we've seen this movie before. Let's hope this latest one doesn't end worse than the others.

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SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Atlantis

Kansas geographer probes long lost land shelf

By ROY WENZL
The Wichita (Kan.) Eagle

WICHITA, Kan. — There really is a lost continent.

With ancient lost hearths and tools and foundations of homes, drowned under the sea.

Atlantis, Plato called it. A myth, maybe. Jerome Dobson calls it aquaterra. He says it is for real.

He says we could actually go there, and that it would be fantastic to go there. We'd learn a lot about ourselves.

"Ever since I was a kid, I've always puzzled over how fast human history happened," he said.

Dobson, a geographer and scientist from the University of Kansas, has spent a long time studying maps of coastlines. He said there is a total underwater shelf area the size of North America that used to be dry land.

Much of it, he said, used to provide a nice land platform of marshes and upland and sea coast where humans built homes, raised children and taught them to make sophisticated

stone, wood and bone tools. Tens of thousands of years of history, never explored, along the coastlines of Africa, Europe, Asia, the Mediterranean. Like a lost continent.

He's not holding his breath about going there, though. Hunting for hearths underwater is expensive.

"NASA spends billions," he said. He doesn't regret that. He does regret that national budgets for exploring underwater, in contrast, are only in the tens of millions.

Imagine the possibilities of studying a new lost continent, he said. "The public would clamor for every shred of new insight on who those people were, how they lived and how they might be related to us," he said in a prepared statement from KU. "Government programs would sponsor massive expeditions for exploration and scientific investigation. Geographers would rush to describe the land and people, cartographers would map it and they, together with all earth sciences, would strive to understand every aspect of it."

He's written scientific papers about all this, with literary touches, including in April: "Ancient lost lands Atlantis, Shangri-La, Mu rediscovered in all their utopian glory are standard fare of science fiction novels, movies and television," he wrote. "Society seems to yearn for some lost connection to an unreported past, yet science offers little in that vein regarding aquaterra's lost land, which is known with certainty to have existed."

"Instead, conscientious amateurs amass enormous troves of evidence, only to analyze them with poor standards of proof. Surely it is time for the scientific community to reclaim this (literal and figurative) territory, for critical analysis of its role in shaping the world we know today."

Anyway, here's what happened, he said in a recent interview:

Tens of thousands of years ago, he said, before

natural climate change melted them off, the glaciers of the last major ice ages kept a lot of water locked up on land — which meant sea levels were much lower.

He is a researcher who's read deeply, from the old myths of the flood in the Epic of Gilgamesh to the way coastlines have flooded from the incoming seas over time.

After the glaciers melted, Dobson said, the sea levels rose 400 feet. "They've actually risen 15 feet since the time of Christ," he said.

"It's like a vast millennial tide," he said in the prepared statement, "as glaciers hold and release waters to the oceans, and it's the same time frame as the rise of modern humans."

One interesting thing about people, he said, is that many people ages ago lived where most people still live now — along the coastlines.

This means that the hearths and homes of tens of thousands of years ago now lie under salt water, and it may explain why scientists have long been puzzled about our early history: One day we're wandering around in Africa, our bodies covered with hair like chimpanzees, and we're not much smarter than the food we chase.

Then somehow, though there is little in the archaeological record that explains the sequencing of it, we're mostly hairless humans with much bigger brains, wearing multipart articles of clothing. We've got a preoccupation with our looks; we're using makeup, and we're chasing elephants with aerodynamic, compound weapons. We're also carving abstract art and religious symbols out of bone, ivory and stone.

What happened? There are huge gaps in the layers of archaeology.

Dobson is the president of the American Geographical Society and a Jefferson Science fellow at the U.S. State Department. He thinks we ought to go look for what's underwater, in part because it'll give us useful insights into ourselves.

He thinks much of what happened as we grew our brains and our human culture lies under sea mud now.

Knowledge lost. He'd love to go there.

He'd bring it back.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Firefighters rescue teen who climbed cell tower

IL NORTHFIELD — Firefighters rescued a teenager who climbed to the top of a 110-foot cellphone tower north of Chicago.

The 18-year-old scaled the tower Friday night in Northfield. The tower is just behind the fire station, and residents hearing the teen alerted firefighters.

Assistant Northfield Fire Chief Tom Burke said firefighters lowered the man using a rope and harness and then put him into the basket of an extension ladder to take him the rest of the way to the ground.

The teen was not hurt but was hospitalized as a precaution.

It was not immediately clear what prompted him to climb the tower.

2 rescued after small plane ends up in river

DE NEW CASTLE — Delaware State Police said two people were rescued from a single-engine plane that wound up in a swampy area near the Delaware River.

Delaware State Police reported the two people didn't appear to have life-threatening injuries.

Delaware State Police said air traffic controllers at the New Castle County Airport reported about 10:45 a.m. Saturday that they had lost contact with an aircraft.

The plane was located in the area between Fort Delaware State Park and Fort Mott State Park in New Jersey with the plane's occupants seen near the aircraft. A helicopter was able to get the two occupants from the water.

Couple flown to Grenada, not Granada

DC WASHINGTON — A District of Columbia couple has sued British Airways, saying the airline ruined their vacation by booking them tickets to the Caribbean island of Grenada instead of Granada, Spain.

Edward Gamson and Lowell Canaday said in their lawsuit they wanted to travel from Washington to London and then to Granada, Spain. Gamson said he explained his travel plans to a British Airways agent who made the reservation.

The lawsuit said the couple received an electronic ticket that referred to "Grenada" but didn't list the country, airport code or flight duration. The couple made it to London, but their excitement went to the Caribbean, not Spain. They didn't realize the mistake until they were airborne, the lawsuit said.

British Airways said in a statement Wednesday that it has been in regular contact with the couple and have offered extensive assistance.

Gamson said that they discovered the mistake when they looked at a back-of-the-seat television monitor showing the plane headed west on a map. They then asked a member of the airline's crew what was going on.

"He said 'Spain? What are you talking about,'" Gamson said.



HEATHER LEIPHART, THE (PANAMA CITY, FLA.) NEWS HERALD/AP

Final mission

The first of two F-101 Voodoo planes begins its last journey — 74 feet deep into the Gulf of Mexico to become an artificial reef about 3 nautical miles off the coast near Panama City Beach, Fla., on Friday.

Man guilty in walker attack on girlfriend

SC YORK — A South Carolina man pleaded guilty to a criminal domestic violence charge after police said he assaulted his girlfriend by throwing a Blu-ray Disc player, a salt shaker and her own walker at her.

Gregory Bailey, 51, of Fort Mill had been charged with attempted murder.

Last week, a judge sentenced Bailey to eight years in prison. He also was ordered to seek batterer's counseling, to enroll in an alcohol and drug program and to pay the woman's medical bills.

Police and prosecutors said it appeared the woman also was hit in the head with a hammer. Assistant York County Solicitor Jenny Desch said the woman was unable to move when deputies found her in her house on Feb. 16.

\$1B telescope approved pending review process

HI HONOLULU — Hawaii's Board of Land and Natural Resources has approved a sublease for a \$1.3 billion telescope that would be one of the world's largest, but the approval is on hold until the board hears objections in a separate review process.

The board met Friday to discuss issues raised previously about a plan to build the Thirty Meter Telescope on the summit of the Mauna Kea volcano on Hawaii's Big Island.

The University of Hawaii currently leases land from the state

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The height (in feet) of the world's tallest water slide. Nearly half of its summer season already in the books, the water

park in Kansas that is its home has been forced to delay its opening for the third time and hasn't set a new date for its debut. Schlitterbahn Waterpark in Kansas City announced Thursday that the 17-story Verruckt would not open on Sunday as scheduled. Verruckt, which means "insane" in German, was certified as the world's tallest water slide in April by Guinness World Records. The slide sends riders plummeting at 60 to 70 mph. The park did not give a reason for the latest delay, although earlier in the week, two media sneak preview days were canceled because of problems with a conveyor system that hauls 100-pound rats to the top of the slide.

where the telescope would be built, and the Thirty Meter Telescope group would sublease the land for about \$1 million after it is fully built.

The sublease is the last major bureaucratic hurdle for scientists, although the project also faces the threat of lawsuits by opponents.

Rare Ferrari damaged in crash on Interstate 95

CT STAMFORD — A rare Ferrari Enzo sports car was heavily damaged in a crash on Interstate 95.

State police tell the Stamford Advocate the car was being driven by a technician for Miller Motorcars, a Greenwich-based luxury car dealership, when it crashed on an interstate entrance ramp on last week.

Police say the 650-horsepower



AP

car began to fishtail on the northbound entrance ramp, struck the a bridge wall, then spun across three lanes of traffic and crashed into the center divider.

The driver and a passenger escaped serious injury.

Ferrari built fewer than 400 of the cars, which are each valued at more than \$600,000.

Michael Fux of New Jersey, a multimillionaire who made his fortune in mattresses, owns this one. The dealership declined to comment on the accident.

Dog ordinance proposal: 3 bites and you're out

OR MEDFORD — Three bites and you're out!

Owners of dangerous dogs could face tough penalties if an ordinance being considered by the Medford City Council wins

approval.

Under the proposed law, dog owners convicted of three or more violations in a year could be fined up to \$1,000 and spend up to a year in jail. The violations include cases where a dog inflicts injury on a person or animal.

Under the proposed ordinance, a dog owner also could be cited if an animal defecates in a public place and the owner fails to clean up the feces. Citations could be issued for dogs that chase vehicles or people, scatter garbage or run at large in a public place, unless it's in a dog park.

District punishes boy, 5, for 'sexual misconduct'

AZ SURPRISE — An Arizona school district is drawing fire for disciplining a kindergarten over what officials call "sexual misconduct."

Dysart Unified School District Assistant Superintendent Jim Dean on Friday defended the discipline against a 5-year-old boy who pulled his pants down on an elementary school playground.

The boy received detention for what the school has deemed sexual misconduct and the label will remain in the boy's permanent school file.

The boy's mother said she was not notified of the incident or of the note her son signed in the assistant principal's office until after the fact.

District policy states that a parent does not have to be present for a disciplinary meeting unless the student requests his or her parent.

From wire reports

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For Frankie Valli, summer is the season

By ROGER CATLIN
Special to The Washington Post

It's a big summer for Frankie Valli, longtime leader of the Four Seasons. A Clint Eastwood-directed movie based on the Broadway hit "Jersey Boys" — which celebrates his band — opened on big screens this summer.

As new audiences rally around Valli's hits, he will headline the pre-festivals "A Capitol Fourth" on the lawn of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., broadcast live on PBS. It will air on AFN-Spectrum on July 5. Even after 60 years of performing, it's something new for Valli, he said over the phone from New York. "I've done inaugurations and stuff like that, but nothing as big as this. This is major."

The program will also feature Patti LaBelle, Jordin Sparks, Michael Mc-

Donald, Sara Evans, Kelli O'Hara and Kendall Schmidt of Big Time Rush, as well as the National Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of pops conductor Jack Everly, along with John Williams' new arrangement of the national anthem on the occasion of its 200th anniversary. Valli says he doesn't need to particularly do patriotic songs in his set.

"The show in itself is very patriotic," he says. "I think the audience will enjoy much more the tunes that they're looking forward to hearing that have been a part of their lives over the years."

There's a lot to choose from: 46 charting singles, including five No. 1 hits as a group and two more by Valli as solo artist. "There are so many people who have gone to see the play and never realize we had all those hits," Valli says.

For Frankie Valli, 80, this summer is nothing but hot. The pop music icon will headline "A Capitol Fourth" concert, which is another big moment in a busy year that includes the movie release of "Jersey Boys."

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Shia LaBeouf arrested for disrupting Broadway show

The Associated Press

Shia LaBeouf was released from police custody June 27 after he was escorted from a Broadway theater for yelling obscenities and continued to act irrationally while being arrested, authorities said.

After his court appearance, the actor, wearing a ripped blue T-shirt, skinny jeans and boots, walked several blocks to The London NYC Hotel on West 54th Street. He declined to comment.

The 28-year-old, who starred in the first three Transformers movies, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, criminal trespass and harassment June 26 at the Broadway show "Cabaret." According to police, security guards asked LaBeouf to leave the Studio 54 theater at about 8:45 p.m., but he refused, used obscene language and physically interfered with employees. Police said he made aggressive statements and threats to security guards and police officers. He was acting irrationally, continued to make aggressive statements and used foul language after he was removed from the theater and throughout the arrest process, police said. Officers said he appeared intoxicated or under the influence of some kind of drug. A spokesman for "Cabaret" says LaBeouf was "disruptive during Act 1" and was escorted out of the theater at intermission.

LaBeouf, who was represented by a Legal Aid attorney June 27, was due back in court July 24.

'The View' prepares for change with new hosts

Sherri Shepherd is leaving "The View" after seven years and freshman co-host Jenny McCarthy said she's right behind her, a major upheaval for the daytime talk show a month after creator Barbara Wal-



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Actor Shia LaBeouf walks through the media on June 27 in New York after leaving Midtown Community Court. LaBeouf was arrested the previous day for yelling obscenities at the Broadway show "Cabaret." The 28-year-old star of the Transformers franchise faces charges that include disorderly conduct.

ters' retirement from on-camera duties.

In a written statement June 26, Shepherd said that after "careful consideration" she has decided it's time to move on.

According to a person familiar with the situation, Shepherd was negotiating a new contract and she and ABC failed to reach an agreement. The person wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Shepherd's manager, Darris Hatch, replied "yes" in an email when asked if that was accurate.

Shepherd got a Twitter shoutout from fellow host Jenny McCarthy, whose one-year contract ended without a new deal, according to the person familiar with the situation. "If Sherri goes ... I go too," McCarthy tweeted June 26 from her verified account, adding "#sisters," followed by

another tweet: "My View will be changing too. As will with many hard working folks. Thanks to everyone at the show for your dedication and an amazing year."

'Reading Rainbow' gets hand from Seth MacFarlane

LeVar Burton's "Reading Rainbow" fundraising effort is getting a boost from a generous pal, Seth MacFarlane.

MacFarlane has promised to match up to \$1 million in pledges made on the Kickstarter website so that an online version of "Reading Rainbow" can be made available without charge to an expanded number of underfunded classrooms, Burton said in a statement June 26. MacFarlane's offer is in effect through 3 p.m. EDT on July 2, when the online fundraiser is to conclude.

Burton said he was left nearly speechless by the "extraordinary generosity" of his friend, the TV and movie writer-producer-actor.

More than \$4 million had been pledged by 83,000-plus contributors as of June 26.

Matt Lauer: His question to GM boss wasn't sexist

Matt Lauer has no regrets asking General Motors CEO Mary Barra about balancing work and motherhood, saying he sees it as an issue that affects all working parents regardless of gender.

The host of NBC's "Today" show said Friday he'd welcome the same question if it were put to him. He noted that he missed his son's 13th birthday to be in Detroit for the Barra interview.

He struck a nerve in Thursday's live interview with a question criticized as sexist. "This is one of the major conversations of our generation," Lauer, 56, told The Asso-

ciated Press. "I view it very differently. I view it not as a gender issue, but as a work-life balance issue."

The question came at the end of a two-part interview primarily about GM's response to safety issues. At first, Lauer asked about reports that one reason Barra got her job was because she could put forth a softer face and image for the company at a difficult time. He then referenced a Forbes magazine article where Barra said she felt bad about missing her son's junior prom. The boy told her that being mom was the one job he'd hold her accountable for, Lauer asked, "Given the pressure at General Motors, can you do both (jobs) well?"

Lauer had taken to Facebook to defend himself, explaining what inspired the question. Many people who commented on his post weren't buying it, including the author of the Forbes piece, who said she never felt compelled to ask Barra if she felt capable of doing her job.

Other news

■ Lindsay Lohan is heading for the London stage in a play about the hysteria of Hollywood. Producers announced June 26 that Lohan will make her professional stage debut in September in David Mamet's satirical drama "Speed-the-Plow."

■ Courtney Cox says she is engaged to marry Snow Patrol's Johnny McDaid. The actress and the musician revealed their engagement June 27 with a dual announcement on Twitter.

■ The state of Michigan has approved \$13.5 million in incentives for the fourth installment of Eddie Murphy's Beverly Hills Cop franchise, to be filmed in and around Detroit, officials announced June 26. Murphy will return to his role as Axel Foley, and Brett Ratner will direct, according to the Michigan Film Office.



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BUSINESS/WEATHER

GM victim payments won't have limit

By Tom Krisher
The Associated Press

DETROIT — When Kenneth Feinberg announces the terms of General Motors' plan to pay victims of crashes caused by bad ignition switches, he'll have an open wallet.

Feinberg, the country's most well-known compensation expert, is scheduled to reveal the terms Monday, and GM CEO Mary Barra said she would have no cap on payments.

Also, GM won't have any say in Feinberg's awards, she told a U.S. House subcommittee during a hearing earlier this month.

"He will have complete independence," Barra said under questioning. "General Motors wants to reach with this compensation program everyone who lost a loved one due to this issue, or who suffered serious physical injury."

The company says the faulty switches are responsible for at

To get payments, victims would have to agree not to sue GM.

least 54 crashes and more than 13 deaths, but lawyers and lawmakers say the death toll is closer to 100, with hundreds of injuries. That would send GM's payments into the millions, if not billions, of dollars. GM was sitting on a \$27 billion cash stockpile as of March 31. So far, it has announced or taken charges of \$2 billion for recall expenses.

Feinberg, who also administered the government's \$7 billion fund for the 2,977 victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, is likely to follow a similar plan in the GM case, with detailed formulas setting payments based on severity of injuries and age. The average award to the 2,880 families who filed death claims

from Sept. 11 was \$2.1 million. The fund also paid an average of about \$400,000 each for the 2,680 accepted claims of injuries. The smallest injury award was \$500, the largest \$8.6 million.

The Sept. 11 fund was set up to protect financially troubled airlines from thousands of potential lawsuits. It was a success, limiting the number of lawsuits to about 80.

The GM compensation likely will be limited to victims of crashes of older small cars, of which GM recalled 2.6 million earlier this year because the switches can cause engines to stall, shutting off power steering and brakes. That can cause drivers to lose control of their vehicles and also disables the air bags. The cars include the Chevrolet Cobalt and Saturn ION, both of which are no longer made.

Feinberg could use air bag activation to decide if people are paid. If the air bags deployed in an accident, that means they were not

disabled by the switches, so the switches were not at fault.

GM has said Feinberg would start taking claims Aug. 1. Barra said she did not know how much the company would have to spend to settle the claims.

To get payments, victims would have to agree not to sue GM. The company is vulnerable to legal claims because it has admitted knowing about the switch problem for more than a decade, yet it didn't recall the cars until this year.

Feinberg is scheduled to hold a news conference in Washington on Monday to release details "including eligibility, scope, rules for the program, and timing of submitting claims," a Feinberg spokeswoman said in an email. The program also will launch a website on Monday.

The spokeswoman, Amy Weiss, would not comment on the program before the news conference. GM has deferred comment to Feinberg.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (June 30)	\$1.3978
Dollar buys (June 30)	€0.7154
British pound (June 30)	\$1.75
Japanese yen (June 30)	99.00
South Korean won (June 30)	989.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.7021/£0.5875
Canada (dollar)	1.0652
China (Yuan)	6.2194
Denmark (Krone)	5.4637
Egypt (Pound)	7.1506
Euro (dollar)	\$1.3645/€0.7328
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.7514
Hungary (Forint)	272.08
Israel (Shekel)	3.4271
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2819
Norway (Krone)	6.1283
Philippines (Peso)	43.77
Poland (Zloty)	3.305
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2497
South Korea (won)	1,014.78
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9812
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.46
Turkey (New Lira)	2.2447

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to the dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.25
Federal funds market rate	0.10
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	3.37

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Tex	85	75	Pdly	Chatanooga	91	68	Cldy	Fort Wayne	88	71	Cldy	Louisville	88	72	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	87	69	Cldy	Chicago	78	52	Cldy	Fresno	105	70	Cldy	Lubbock	96	72	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	87	64	Cldy	Cincinnati	85	72	Rain	Goodland	86	63	Cldy	Macon	95	70	Pdly
Albuquerque	88	69	Cldy	Cleveland	88	70	Cldy	Grand Junction	83	62	Cldy	Madison	83	69	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	84	61	Cldy	Colorado Springs	88	60	Pdly	Great Falls	70	48	Cldy	Medford	95	54	Cldy
Amarillo	86	69	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	92	72	Cldy	Green Bay	84	71	Rain	Midland-Odessa	102	75	Cldy
Anchorage	66	53	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	95	72	Pdly	Greensboro, N.C.	87	66	Cldy	Milwaukee	80	68	Rain
Asheville	85	63	Rain	Columbus, Ohio	88	71	Cldy	Hartford	88	63	Pdly	Mpls-St Paul	80	66	Pdly
Atlanta	91	71	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	88	59	Pdly	Harrisburg	87	61	Pdly	Mpls-St Paul	80	66	Pdly
Atlantic City	83	61	Cldy	Corpus Christi	95	78	Pdly	Helena	74	49	Pdly	Missoula	74	45	Rain
Austin	82	63	Cldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	92	73	Pdly	Honolulu	86	73	Pdly	Norfolk, Va.	87	68	Cldy
Baltimore	86	66	Cldy	Dayton	88	71	Cldy	Houston	92	77	Pdly	North Platte	82	61	Pdly
Baton Rouge	94	76	Pdly	Daytona Beach	90	75	Cldy	Huntsville	93	71	Cldy	Omaha	85	71	Rain
Bilings	75	52	Pdly	Denver	86	56	Pdly	Indianapolis	86	71	Rain	Orlando	94	75	Cldy
Birmingham	91	73	Pdly	Des Moines	85	69	Rain	Jacksonville	94	74	Pdly	Paduach	93	73	Pdly
Bismarck	72	58	Rain	Detroit	91	71	Cldy	Lansing	88	71	Cldy	Pendleton	83	62	Cldy
Boise	83	51	Cldy	Duluth	75	50	Pdly	Las Vegas	108	84	Cldy	Phoenix	110	85	Cldy
Boston	86	65	Pdly	El Paso	105	80	Cldy	Kansas City	88	73	Rain	Philadelphia	85	66	Cldy
Bridgeport	85	62	Pdly	Elkins	83	63	Cldy	Key West	81	61	Pdly	Pittsburgh	87	68	Cldy
Brownsville	93	79	Pdly	Erie	86	70	Cldy	Knoxville	88	68	Cldy	Portland, Maine	82	67	Cldy
Buffalo	88	71	Cldy	Eugene	82	48	Cldy	Lake Charles	90	77	Pdly	Pocatello	80	47	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	86	68	Cldy	Evansville	91	73	Pdly	Landing	88	71	Cldy	Portland, Ore.	82	62	Cldy
Caribou, Maine	87	59	Cldy	Fairbanks	73	51	Cldy	Las Vegas	108	84	Cldy	Portland, Ore.	82	62	Cldy
Charleston, S.C.	90	73	Cldy	Fargo	75	60	Rain	Lexington	85	69	Cldy	Pueblo	95	54	Cldy
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												San Diego	73	66	Pdly
												San Francisco	80	58	Cldy
												San Jose	89	59	Cldy
												Santa Fe	96	60	Rain
												St. Louis	97	79	Rain
												St. Marie	91	74	Cldy
												Savannah	91	74	Cldy
												Seattle	78	53	Pdly
												Shreveport	94	75	Pdly

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Hi: Sat., 116, Death Valley, Calif.
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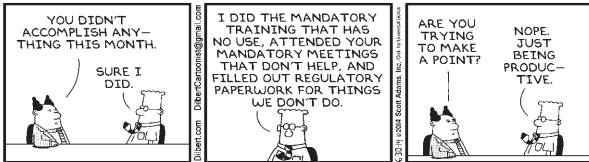
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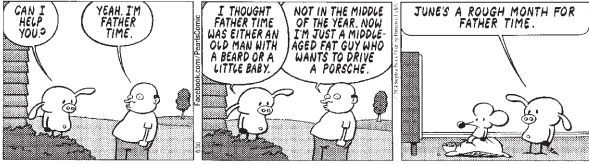
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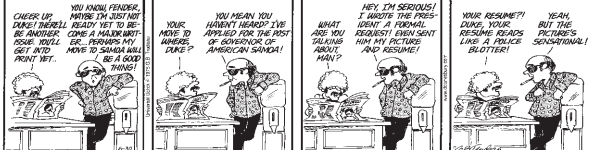
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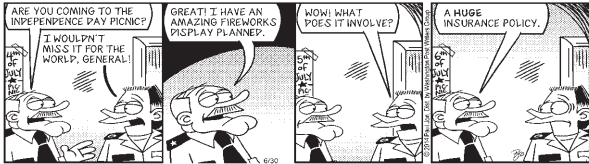
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ACROSS

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- Rapper Tone- —
- Remove, as a hat
- "Serpico" star
- Lamb's pen name
- Retaliates
- River deposit
- Whatever amount
- Motorcycle noises
- Handed out cards
- Spades or hearts
- Londoner, for one
- Early 1900s U.K. prime minister
- Jeremy of basketball
- Get up
- With 37-Across, Rivers tagline
- Malaria remedy
- Ticklish Muppet
- Diplomacy
- Jumped
- See 30-Across
- Sun, talk
- Currier's partner
- How some veggies are sold
- Platter
- Almond liqueur
- "Born Free" lioness
- Spigot
- Optimistic

DOWN

- Satchel
- Bullying bravo
- Choose (for)
- Igneous rock
- Roman historian
- Single
- Shake violently
- Mississippi River explorer
- Hodgepodge
- Movie
- Dominio of music
- Penny
- Abundant
- Hotel rm.
- La Salle of "ER"
- Hokkaido aborigine
- Canonized person
- Uncomplimentary remark
- Bruins' sch.
- Freeway access
- retentive
- Commandment adverb
- Minnesota lake
- More bizarre
- Lascivious look
- Broad
- Satanic
- Hardy heroine
- Trace
- Singer Sumac
- Pontiac muscle car
- Shaker —, Ohio
- Playing

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Serena Williams gestures during her match against Alize Cornet on Saturday at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in London. Williams, the defending champ, lost 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Men's Big 4 stick around as top women falter early

By DENNIS PASSA
The Associated Press

LONDON — The so-called "Big 4" who have won 35 of 37 of the past Grand Slam singles titles — Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray and Roger Federer — are all around for the second week at Wimbledon, joined by the new major winner on the block, Australian Open champion Stan Wawrinka.

The same can't be said on the women's side, where top-seeded and five-time champion Serena Williams won't see any action at the All England Club in Week 2 except in doubles with her sister Venus, another five-time Wimbledon winner who is also out of singles.

With Serena out and second-seeded Li Na also a third-round loser, it marks the first time in the Open era that the top two women's seeds haven't advanced to Wimbledon's fourth round.

Williams, who has 17 Grand Slam singles titles, hadn't been knocked out of Wimbledon so soon since 2005, but has departed before the quarterfinals at four of the past five majors.

WTA founder Billie Jean King, winner of eight Grand Slam singles titles in the Open era, says she recalls going through a similar streak in her career. "Most definitely," King said Sunday near Wimbledon when announcing Singapore as the new site of the WTA season-ending championships in October.

"Everybody does. But I think there might be some underlying things happening to her, some things off the court, that are affecting her. I'm sure she will work them out."

On a sunny but blustery middle Sunday — traditionally an off-day at Wimbledon — most of the players remaining in the singles draw held sessions at the nearby Aorangi Park practice courts.

Federer and Murray were there at the same time, although due to rain delays on Friday, Federer, like Nadal, won't play his fourth-round match until Tuesday.

Federer says he's amazed as anyone about the Big 4's ability to maintain such a stellar record in Grand Slam tournaments.

"I came through the ranks where it was normal for top guys to have a bad Slam, have maybe two bad Slams from time to time, but it barely happens anymore," Federer said. "It's like such a shock when it does."

"I think I've been surprised how consistent I've been personally, but even more so by everybody

else who is just like normal to get to quarters, get to semis. Because I know how small the margins are."

Djokovic's chances of advancing might rest with his sore arm. He had an afternoon training session Sunday to test his left arm and shoulder he injured in a nasty fall on Friday in his Centre Court win over France's Gilles Simon.

Djokovic lunged for a shot behind the baseline, tumbled on the grass and rolled over twice, his racket flying from his hand. He thought he had dislocated his shoulder, but from what Djokovic says, it looked a lot worse than it was.

"Luckily there is nothing damaged," he said. "I just came from the doctor's office, ultrasound. I'm quite confident that it will not affect my physical state or regimen or daily routine. I think it's going to be fine."

Djokovic will play the third match on Centre Court on Monday against 14th-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Alize Cornet, who scored the biggest upset of the tournament when she beat Serena Williams on Saturday, opens Monday's play on Centre against Canadian Eugenie Bouchard, who is the only woman to advance to the semifinals of both Grand Slam tournaments this year.

Defending champion Murray plays Kevin Anderson in the match following.

In third-round matches carried over due to Saturday's rain suspensions, Wawrinka is up against Denis Istomin to start play on Court 2 while Feliciano Lopez plays American John Isner on Court 3.

The only other third-round men's match to be completed is nearly there — Kei Nishikori of Japan and Italy's Simone Bolelli are 3-3 in the fifth set, with the winner to play Canadian Milos Raonic on Tuesday.

British tabloids will no doubt have fun with the back-to-back "love" matches on Court 1 on Monday. Grigor Dimitrov plays Leonardo Mayer, followed by Dimitrov's girlfriend Maria Sharapova, the 2004 Wimbledon champion, up against Angelique Kerber.

Not to miss an opportunity, a gambling agency, calling Dimitrov and Sharapova "the most glamorous couple in tennis (since Connors and Evert in 1974)" are offering odds of 50 to 1 that the pair will win their respective singles titles this year.

And oh, 250 to 1 that they'll announce their engagement before the end of the Wimbledon Championships Ball.

Sabres end wait for Lemieux on 2nd day

By DAN GELSTON
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — With his family pedigree and stout résumé, Brendan Lemieux was sure he was a first-round pick.

One weekend into his NHL career, he already had first taste of disappointment when he was passed over on the first day of the draft. But he had a short wait on Saturday.

The Buffalo Sabres opened the second day of the draft by selecting the forward with the 31st overall pick.

"I expected to be a first-round pick and never even really looked at the second round," Lemieux said.

The Sabres are glad he was around. Lemieux is the son of former New Jersey Devils star and Stanley Cup champion Claude Lemieux.

Brendan Lemieux, who played for the Barrie Colts in the Ontario Hockey League, enjoyed comparisons to his father. In the weeks leading up to the draft, he said he took it as a compliment when teams said he reminded them of the player who won four Stanley Cups. He wears No. 21 because that was his father's number while playing junior hockey and he has also inherited the nickname "Pepe" from Claude.

"He's a leader and he's a winner," Claude Lemieux said. "He loves to win. And he plays the game the right way. So I'm sure the fans will identify."

Brendan Lemieux waited with each pick Friday night to hear his name called. He went home wondering why he would have to return to the Wells Fargo Center for rounds two through seven.

"I was one of those guys who was trying to figure out for a long time where I was going to go," he said. "Nobody really knew. I had no idea I would drop out of the first round, but I had no idea I was going to get picked this morning. I walked in the arena like 2 minutes before I was going to get picked."

Lemieux finished tied for third on Barrie with 53 points (27 goals) and led the club with 145 penalty minutes.

Lemieux was one of several offspring of former NHL players available in the draft. The Sabres selected center Sam Reinhart with the second overall pick. He is the son of former NHL player Paul Reinhart, who was selected by the Atlanta Flames in the first round in 1979.

The Florida Panthers selected defenseman Aaron Ekblad with

the No. 1 overall pick Friday night. Lemieux and Ekblad were teammates at Barrie and expected to become linked again as first-round picks.

"Aaron knows how crushed I was last night that I didn't go," Lemieux said. "It was definitely a goal of mine to go in the first round, but I think he was really excited to see me go early today. Aaron is one of my best friends. He was my roommate. We're like brothers. I was really excited to see him go first yesterday. He definitely deserves it."

Claude Lemieux said his son could benefit from forging his own path in Buffalo, instead of following the huge legacy he left behind in New Jersey. Claude also was known as one of the dirtiest agitators in NHL history, the kind of badge he'd like his son to avoid.

"I was pretty hated. As his father, I hope he doesn't get to that level," he said. "But he likes to be that instigator, in-your-face kind of player. He looked at how the game is played in the Stanley Cup finals, and the grit of the Los Angeles Kings and some of those players. That's how you get there. Even in today's game it still works."

Nathan Walker became the first Australian to go in the NHL draft when the Washington Capitals selected him in the third round with the 89th overall pick. The 20-year-old Walker moved to the Czech Republic as a kid and spent most of formative hockey years there. But he was the first Aussie in the American Hockey League when he played for the Hershey Bears.

Walker spent time with the Capitals during last year's training camp on a tryout basis and played in a preseason game.

"Message received from Australian client Nathan Walker, drafted in the 3rd round by the Caps, 'We're going nuts in my house. I'm speechless,'" tweeted agent Allan Walsh.

There was a run on goalies in the second round after none were selected in the first. Calgary selected Mason McDonald with the 34th overall pick. From there, goalies were the hot pick: Vancouver selected Thatcher Demko with the 36th pick. Carolina selected Alex Nedeljkovic at 37 and Washington drafted Vitek Vanecek with the 39th pick. The New York Rangers picked Brandon Halverson with the 59th selection.

'I was pretty hated. As his father, I hope he doesn't get to that level.'

Claude Lemieux

Ex-NHL player on his son, Brendan, who was drafted by the Sabres Saturday

NBA

Wade to become free agent

Haslem also opts out of deal; Bosh still undecided

By TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade has made his choice. Chris Bosh is still mulling his.

Either way, free agency for the Miami Heat is shaping up as an absolute circus.

Wade told the Heat on Saturday that he is opting out of the final two years and nearly \$42 million in his contract, and will become a free agent on Tuesday — the same deal LeBron James revealed earlier in the week.

Also Saturday, Udonis Haslem told the Heat that he will not pick up his \$4.6 million option for next season. But Bosh is still weighing his options, agent Henry Thomas told The Associated Press, after a miscommunication earlier in the day suggested that the forward was already sold on the idea of opting out.

“Chris has not decided yet,”

“Dwyane has been the cornerstone of our organization for over a decade, and we hope he remains a part of the Heat family for life.”

Pat Riley
Miami Heat President

Thomas told AP Saturday.

Strange as it may sound, the decisions by James and now Wade and Haslem are considered good for the Heat, since those three moves alone free up about \$45 million in what would have been salary Miami was committed to paying next season. If Bosh opts out, that figure goes to \$66 million, and the idea of not having that locked into the books gives Miami tons of flexibility to lure their stars back into new deals — plus have enough money left over to make additional roster upgrades.

“Today we were notified of Dwyane’s intention to opt-out of his contract and Udonis’ intention to not opt into his contract, making both players free agents,” Heat President Pat Riley said. “Dwyane has been the cornerstone of our organization for over a decade, and we hope he remains a part of the Heat family for life. Udonis has been the heartbeat of this team for 11 years. He has sacrificed countless times to make this organization successful, and he is the epitome of what this organization stands for.”



J PAT CARTER/AP

Miami Heat players Dwyane Wade and LeBron James jerseys on display outside the American Airlines Arena in Miami. Wade has decided to join James in opting out of the final two years of his contract with the Heat to become a free agent.

Nets done with Kidd?

By RODERICK BOONE
Newsday

NEW YORK — Talk about a turner.

After being denied a larger role within the Brooklyn Nets’ front office to go with his duties as head coach, the team has given Jason Kidd permission to talk to the Milwaukee Bucks, league sources confirmed Saturday night.

The Racine (Wis.) Journal Times reported that Kidd has been offered the job of Bucks president, and it seems more unlikely by the minute that he will return to the Nets for a second season on the bench.

Kidd reportedly is close with Marc Lasry, one of Milwaukee’s new owners.

Should Kidd bolt for the Bucks, potential replacements could include Lionel Hollins or Mark Jackson. If he indeed leaves Brooklyn, the Nets would be on their fourth coach in an 18-month span.

It’s been a crazy development, considering how Kidd spoke Thursday at an event announcing the Nets’ new training facility in Brooklyn, explaining how he was going to work things staff-wise when the team starts summer league play in Orlando this week. But ESPN reported the relationship between Nets general manager Billy King and Kidd has strained, with King suggesting a coaching change to the Nets’ hierarchy when the team was struggling at 10-21 last season and in danger of falling apart.

According to reports, Kidd, who signed a four-year, \$10.5-million deal to coach the Nets, wanted a raise in 2014-15, in part because of the more lucrative deals inked recently by Knicks coach Derek Fisher and Warriors coach Steve Kerr. Like Kidd, neither had coaching experience. Kerr and Fisher received five-year, \$25-million pacts.

Nets ownership reportedly balked at that demand, opening the door for Kidd to check in on the Milwaukee situation. It would be a swift exit for Kidd, who also owns a small stake in the Nets.

Kidd had a roller-coaster first season on the bench, guiding the Nets to a 44-38 record before exiting in five games in the second round of the playoffs to the Heat.



ROBERT DUVAL/MCT

The Brooklyn Nets have given head coach Jason Kidd permission to talk to the Milwaukee Bucks.

Cavs’ Wiggins has lofty goals

By TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — As his talented son, Andrew, was presented with his new wine-and-gold Cavaliers jersey, Mitchell Wiggins finally let go of some painful memories.

This is it, he thought, his second chance, another shot at an NBA career broken in a haze of cocaine abuse.

His son is the No. 1 overall pick, and Mitchell Wiggins is now unburdened by guilt, embarrassment and disappointment. He’s whole again.

“It just gives me closure,” said Mitchell Wiggins, who was suspended for two full seasons with Houston in the 1980s for drugs. “I’m able to let go of maybe some of the things I was feeling when I left the league and I can sleep better now. This is a big moment.”

The Cavaliers introduced Andrew Wiggins on Friday, one day after the end of weeks of public debate and internal discussion by selecting the slender small forward from Kansas first in the NBA draft. Wiggins, who probably would have also been chosen before anyone else a year ago, began his news conference by saying his personal expectations are as high as what the Cavaliers believe he can attain.

The 19-year-old with the 44-inch vertical jump plans to soar.

“I just want to come in, create an impact right off the bat, offensively and defensively, bring the team to the next level and just be a good teammate, be a good part of the organization,” he said. “I want to be on the All-Defensive team, be Rookie of the Year, make the All-Star team, all that type of stuff.”

Those comments made new Cavs coach David Blatt smile.

“We didn’t bring Andrew in here for a year,” Blatt said. “This isn’t a one-and-done. This is a career player.”



TONY DEJAK/AP

The Cleveland Cavaliers’ Andrew Wiggins answers questions during a news conference on Friday in Independence, Ohio. Wiggins was the No. 1 pick by Cleveland, the second straight year a Canadian led off the NBA draft.

Mitchell Wiggins trained his youngest son well. Once Andrew was old enough to dribble, Wiggins began showing him how to play the game — especially on defense.

“I taught him how to guard multiple positions,” he said. “How to guard a scorer, how to guard a driver. He understands defensively what he needs to do and he cherishes defense.”

Wiggins also educated Andrew and his talented brothers, Mitchell and Nick, on the pitfalls of life as a pro athlete.

“Everybody knows my history,” Wiggins said.

Caught up in an addiction he had trouble shaking, he threw away so much of what he had, and in the process hurt himself, his family and his Rockets teammates. After playing

in the NBA finals in 1986, his career nose-dived, and it would take him two years to recover.

“When you play with Hakeem (Olajuwon) and Ralph Sampson, you’ve got to make sacrifices,” Wiggins said. “They’re harder men and they demand the ball. I was a good player, a good fit with them and I feel like I let them down when I had my issues. I should have played eight to 10 years with them.”

Wiggins isn’t worried about Andrew getting derailed. He and his wife, Marita, a two-time Olympic silver medal-winning sprinter for Canada, have raised their children to work hard so they get the most of the athletic gifts they’ve been given.

Andrew Wiggins isn’t a slacker.

“He walks his walk and he’s always been a kid who listens and tries to do the right thing,” Mitchell Wiggins said. “I hope he stays true to who he is and stays grounded. He wants to be a Hall of Famer. Hall of Famers work harder than anyone else and make the most sacrifice. I think he’s willing to do that.”

“Everybody knows he’s got talent, but you’ve got to put the work ethic with the talent and you’ve got to make some internal sacrifices. I think he’s going to do that.”

A few years ago, Mitchell, now 54, gave up playing hoops with Andrew. The one-on-one matchups were becoming one-sided.

“I used to beat him up,” he said. “I used to be physical. But he started dunking on me and I backed off. When he was 12 years old, he was dunking playing against men. He still can’t guard me. None of the kids can. I’m a dirty old player.”

On this day, though, he was a proud father.

One of his sons made it to the NBA, and Mitchell Wiggins felt like he was back too.

“For me, he’s a coach’s dream,” he said of Andrew. “I taught him the right way to play.”

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Rays 5, Orioles 4

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Dinnigs cf	4	1	1	0	Marks rf	4	1	2	1
Zobrist ss	5	0	2	0	Pearce lf	4	0	1	0
Guyer lf	4	0	0	0	A. Jones cf	4	0	1	1
Longoria dh	4	0	0	0	N. Cruz dh	4	0	0	0
Loney lb	4	0	0	0	C. Davis lf	4	0	0	0
SDRgz 3b	4	1	1	0	J. Hardy ss	4	1	2	0
Forsyth 2b	2	3	2	2	Mitch 3b	2	0	1	1
Hanjin c	4	0	1	0	Schoop 2b	3	0	0	0
Kiemer rf	4	1	2	2	Cloppch	2	0	0	0
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E-Brach (1), DP-Tampa Bay 1, LOB-Tampa Bay 8, Baltimore 3, 2B-Hanjin (7), Pearce (11), 3B-Zobrist (3), HR-DeJennings (7), Forsyth (2), Kiermaier (8), Markakis (7), Machado (6), S-Guyver.

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bedard W-4.5	7	5	3	3	0	7
Balfour H-4	3	2	1	1	0	0
McGehee S-3.4	1	1	0	0	0	2

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
W.Chen L-7.3	3	7	5	5	2	2
Brach	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tomlin Hunter	1	0	0	0	0	1
R. Webb	1	0	0	0	0	3
McFarland	1	0	0	0	0	1
O'Day	1	0	0	0	0	1

Bedard pitched to 2 batters in the 6th. T-313. A=36,387 (45,971).

Mets 5, Pirates 3

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi
Grndrs rf	4	1	0	0	GPolnc rf	5	0	0	0
Tejada ss	4	1	1	0	Mercer ss	4	0	1	0
DmRdz 3b	5	0	1	2	AMcCtcf	4	1	1	0
Duda lf	5	1	1	0	GSchnc lf	3	1	1	0
Samgill 3b	4	1	1	1	Davis ph-1b	1	0	0	0
Nlwnths cf	3	0	1	1	J.Harris lf	4	1	1	0
Famill p	0	0	0	0	NWakr 2b	3	0	1	0
Melja p	0	0	0	0	W. Young	3	0	0	0
Recker c	4	0	1	0	CSwtcr c	3	0	0	1
Niese p	0	0	0	0	Colp	1	0	0	0
Niese p	1	0	0	0	SMare ph	1	0	0	0
Evong lf	3	1	1	0	Pimint p	1	0	0	0
					Frien	0	0	0	0
					Snyder ph	1	0	0	0

Totals	36	5	9	4	Totals	34	3	7	3
New York					Totals	120	000	000-3	
Pittsburgh					Totals	000	210	000-5	

LOB-Tampa Bay 8, Baltimore 3, 2B-Hanjin (7), Pearce (11), 3B-Zobrist (3), HR-DeJennings (7), Forsyth (2), Kiermaier (8), Markakis (7), Machado (6), S-Guyver (21).

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Niese W-5.4	6	7	3	3	3	5
Famill S-6.6	1	0	0	0	0	0
Melja S-8.9	1	0	0	0	0	0

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cole L-6.4	4	7	5	5	3	4
Pimintel	4	2	0	0	1	7
Frien	1	0	0	0	0	0

WP-Cole, T-308. A=38,930 (38,902).

Indians 5, Mariners 0

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	4	1	1	1	Enchvz dh	4	0	0	0
ACaner ss	3	1	1	0	J.Jones cf	3	0	0	0
Brantley lf	4	1	1	0	Cano 2b	3	0	0	0
CSantn dh	4	0	1	1	Schne 3b	3	0	1	0
Yomars c	2	0	0	0	Miers lf	3	0	0	0
YGoms c	4	1	1	1	Zunino c	3	0	0	0
Swisher lf	4	0	0	0	MSndrs rf	3	0	0	0
Raburn rf	3	0	0	0	Adley lf	3	0	0	0
Aviles 3b	3	1	2	0	BMiller ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	31	5	7	5	Totals	28	0	0	0

Cleveland					Totals	200	021	000-5	
Seattle					Totals	000	000	000-0	

LOB-Cleveland 2, Seattle 1, 2B-Brantley (2), 3B-Schne (2), C-Cano (2), HR-YGoms (9), CS-Aviles (3), SF-A.Cabrera.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tomlin W-5.5	9	1	0	0	0	11

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Blas L-6.6	6	6	5	5	2	2
Leone	1	1	0	0	0	1
Wahlstrom	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wahlstrom	1	0	0	0	0	1

LOB-Tamlin, Balik-Elias, T-224. A=23,012 (47,476).

Roundup

Napoli's blast in ninth sinks Tanaka

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mike Napoli hoped Masahiro Tanaka would make a mistake. The New York Yankees ace sure did — he twice shook off his catcher, then threw a pitch the Boston slugger could handle.

Napoli stung Tanaka by hitting a solo home run with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting Jon Lester and the Red Sox over the Yankees 2-1 Saturday night.

"What an idiot!" Napoli was heard exclaiming on Fox television microphones as he high-fived teammates in the dugout.

Napoli later said he didn't mean any disrespect, adding he was "surprised" Tanaka didn't throw his tremendous split-finger fastball.

Napoli had struck out in his previous two at-bats, was down 1-2 in the count and was having all sorts of trouble with Tanaka's splitter. "He had me where he wanted me," Napoli said.

Tanaka, however, preferred to throw a fastball. Napoli lined it the opposite way, into the first row of the seats in right field.

"It was the worst thing I could've possibly done," Tanaka said through a translator.

Tanaka, the top winner in the majors and the AL ERA leader, wanted to take a different approach than catcher Brian McCann.

"He asked for a splitter and for a slider, and I shook off both of them," he said.

Tanaka said he intended to throw a fastball out of the strike zone to set up a breaking ball. Instead, Napoli hit it out of the park.

Dodgers 9, Cardinals 1: Zack Greinke became the third NL pitcher to reach double digits in victories as host Los Angeles had four RBI doubles during a six-run second inning.

Greinke (10-4) allowed a run and four hits in seven innings, struck out 10 and did not walk a batter as the Dodgers won for the 11th time in 15 games. The 2009 AL Cy Young Award winner is 13-2 with a 1.98 ERA in 19 starts following a Dodgers loss since signing a \$147 million, six-year contract in December 2012.

Greinke became the first Dodgers pitcher to reach double digits in wins before the All-Star break since 2007, when Brad Penny started out 10-1 and finished 16-4.

Nationals 3-7, Cubs 0-2: At Chicago, Adam LaRoche and Wilson Ramos homered, and Blake Treinen earned his first major league win as Washington completed a sweep of a day-night doubleheader.

The Nationals tagged Jeff Samardzija (2-7) for six runs in five innings to salvage a four-game series split.

LaRoche led off the second with a long drive to right for his 11th homer, and Ramos connected to start the fifth, sparking a four-run rally that made it 6-2.

Gio Gonzalez pitched two-hit ball for seven innings for Washington in the first game. Gonzalez (5-4) had his way with one of the weakest lineups in the majors, outperforming Dallas Beeler in the right-hander's major league debut.

Braves 10-5, Phillies 3-1: Ryan Doumit homered and Tommy La Stella had two doubles and drove in a pair of runs in the second game to lead Atlanta to a doubleheader sweep



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Boston's Mike Napoli is greeted by coaches and teammates after hitting a solo home run against the Yankees in the ninth inning on Saturday in New York. The Red Sox won 2-1.

at Philadelphia.

Chris Johnson had three hits with an RBI and Justin Upton had two hits and drove in a run for the Braves, who have won five of six

Upton had two hits and three RBIs in the first game as Atlanta was helped by two straight errors by Philadelphia's Ryan Howard.

Ervin Santana (6-5) snapped a four-game winless streak, allowing two runs on seven hits with five strikeouts.

Brewers 7, Rockies 4: Carlos Gomez launched a three-run homer and Matt Garza pitched into the seventh inning for his first win in four starts to help host Milwaukee beat Colorado again.

Garza (5-5) took a shutout into the sixth and allowed four runs in 6 1/3 innings. His first win since June 7 improved the Brewers to 6-0 this season against the Rockies.

Rangers 5, Twins 0: Yu Darvish allowed just four hits in eight sharp innings as host Texas handed Minnesota its fifth straight loss.

Adrian Beltre had three hits for the Rangers and scored Texas' first run, which proved to be all the Rangers needed in the second inning. Shin-Soo Chinn and Leonys Martin added two hits each.

Rays 5, Orioles 4: At Baltimore, Desmond Jennings opened the game with the first of Tampa Bay's three home runs off Chen Wein-yan as the Rays got an impressive performance from former Orioles pitcher Erik Bedard.

Tampa Bay built a five-run lead in the fourth inning, then held off a late comeback bid to improve to 3-8 against the Orioles this season.

Indians 5, Mariners 0: At Seattle, Josh Tomlin threw a one-hitter with a career-high 11 strikeouts in Cleveland's victory.

It was the second complete game of Tomlin's career and the first one-hitter by an Indians pitcher since Billy Traber did it against the Yankees on July 8, 2003.

Reds 7, Giants 3 (11): At San Francisco, Zack Cozart drove in two runs with a tie-breaking single as surging Cincinnati scored

five times with two outs in the 11th inning.

Chris Heisey followed with a two-run triple and Billy Hamilton added an RBI double, all but sealing the Reds' fourth straight victory and seventh in eight games.

Athletics 7, Marlins 6 (14): At Miami, Josh Donaldson's two-run RBI single scored the go-ahead run from second base in the 14th inning to lift Oakland.

AL West leader Oakland has won three in a row and is 6-1 in interleague play.

Diamondbacks 3, Padres 1: Miguel Montero hit a two-run homer as visiting Arizona beat San Diego to climb out of last place for the first time all season.

The Diamondbacks won consecutive games for the first time since June 7-8 against Atlanta. They moved into fourth place in the NL West, two percentage points ahead of the Padres.

Tigers 4, Astros 3: Ian Kinsler hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning to rally Detroit past host Houston after Max Scherzer struck out a season-high 13 batters.

Scherzer, last year's AL Cy Young Award winner, gave up two runs in the first before settling in. He yielded seven hits and one walk in seven innings.

Angels 6, Royals 2: David Freese drove in three runs and Albert Pujols had two RBIs as visiting Los Angeles beat Kansas City after a long rain delay for its seventh victory in eight games.

White Sox 4, Blue Jays 3: Dayan Viciedo hit a three-run homer and Chris Sale pitched seven innings as visiting Chicago beat Toronto and won back-to-back games for the first time since winning two straight over San Francisco on June 17 and 18.

Mets 5, Pirates 3: At Pittsburgh, Jonathon Niese extended his streak of solid starts with six gritty innings and rookie Eric Campbell had three hits while subbing for injured star third baseman David Wright as New York spoiled Gerrit Cole's return from the DL.

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Keselowski dominates for Kentucky win

Penske driver becomes track's first repeat winner after setting pole mark

By GARY B. GRAVES
The Associated Press

SPARTA, Ky. — Brad Keselowski won't soon forget an eventful Saturday night in which the same right hand that held the winner's trophy was soon bloodied and bandaged after he broke a champagne bottle celebrating.

"We were playing around with some champagne and I told my good friend I should have stuck with beer," Keselowski joked after receiving four stitches in the infield care center. "We had too much fun with champagne and one of the bottles broke and I cut my hand open. It's no big deal."

He'll certainly remember the masterful performance that set those wild series of events in motion.

Keselowski showed early and often that his No. 2 Ford was the best car at Kentucky Speedway, dominating the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race to become the track's first repeat winner.

The Penske Racing driver and 2012 race winner and Cup champion followed his record-breaking pole effort to lead 199 of 267 laps en route to his second victory of the season and 12th of his career.

Keselowski won from the pole for the first time, pulling away after rallying from sixth on a restart to chase down and pass leader Kyle Busch on Lap 248.

"I knew it was going to be a dogfight to get back to Kyle and then race him," Keselowski said. "We got there with a really fast car and I hit the perfect run on him with traffic. Next thing I knew, we were there. It feels really good to get that second win."

Busch was second, followed by Ryan Newman, Matt Kenseth and Dale Earnhardt Jr., who rallied from a 29th-place start.

A night after dominating the Nationwide Series race before



JAMES CRISP/AP

Brad Keselowski gives a thumbs-up with his bandaged hand following his victory in the NASCAR Sprint Cup series race Saturday at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, Ky. Keselowski injured his hand on a broken champagne bottle and had to get stitches.

finishing second to Kevin Harvick, partly because of a pit-road speeding penalty, Keselowski saved his heavy foot for the bumpy, rough track. The 2012 Cup champion went on to win by 1.014 seconds and post his ninth top-10 this season in moving one spot to fourth in the standings.

Teammate Joey Logano started second and led 37 laps before a dropped cylinder left him ninth. Busch led 31 in a race that featured 12 lead changes — all but one featuring Penske drivers.

"I felt like we were better than [Newman], but nowhere near as good as [Keselowski] or [Logano]," Busch said. "Those guys were really stout."

Keselowski, also the winner in Las Vegas, became the first driver this season with multiple victories on 1.5-mile tracks that make up much of the Chase for the Sprint Cup. The circuit won't see another such track until late



GARRY JONES/AP

Joey Logano (22) gets a nose in front of Brad Keselowski (2) on the final restart of Saturday's Sprint Cup race in Sparta, Ky. In the background is Kyle Busch. Keselowski won the race. Busch was second.

August at Atlanta, and Keselowski made a case for being a favorite with arguably the most impressive run of his career.

It followed his track-record qualifying speed of 188.791 mph and 138 laps led in the Nationwide race, which also featured a furious late run before settling for second to Harvick, who was seventh in the 400-mile race. This time he had enough laps to pass Busch.

But the tone was set from the start, as Keselowski and Logano justified their front-row qualifying sweep with a vengeance. Keselowski wasted no time with that agenda, taking charge at the green flag and leading the first 78 laps before Logano took over for five laps.

The two traded leads from there with nobody else to challenge them until Aric Almirola's wreck brought the sixth caution on Lap 213.

That sent the leaders down pit road and scramble off produced the race's first non-Penske leader in Busch, whose No. 18 took over on Lap 217 and led the restart with Newman second.

The Penske duo needed just seven laps to draw a bead on both drivers and Keselowski was soon second and making a furious effort trying to chase down Busch, who had a 2-second lead at one point. Once Keselowski caught him in the backstretch, he again showed his Ford's superiority.

"Our car was awesome," said Keselowski, who has led a series-

high 346 laps in four starts at Kentucky.

Earnhardt, Jimmie Johnson and Tony Stewart meanwhile overcame bad starting spots to finish in the top 11. Johnson was 10th after starting 25th and Stewart recovered from a 42nd-place start because of a transmission change for 11th. He had qualified 13th.

"I would have liked to have been a little better than what we were there at the end," Stewart said, "but I think we definitely had to fight our way up through the day. ... All in all I thought we had a pretty honest day there; can't complain about that."

Points leader Jeff Gordon finished sixth and leads Johnson and Earnhardt by 24.

Short-distance runner goes long in Europe 10-miler

By MICHAEL S. DARNELL
Stars and Stripes

GRAFENWOHR, Germany — Spc. Caroline Jeplieting decided to run Saturday's grueling 2014 U.S. Forces Europe 10-Miler qualification race just to see if she could run that far.

Jeplieting exceeded the challenge she set for herself. She ended the 10-miler more than seven minutes ahead of her nearest rival — finishing with a course record of 61 minutes, 37.1 seconds, and winning an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., in October.

Like the other first 11 finishers of Saturday's race, Jeplieting has now qualified to represent Europe in the national 10-miler held in the nation's capital. Not a bad day for a short-distance runner who had never run in a long-distance competition before.

"I was here and thought I should go out and try, see how I can do in longer distances," she said. "Now, I see I can do a long distance well. I never thought I would win."

Also qualifying for the D.C. was last year's top female finisher, Jessica Letarte, along with Capt. Samantha Rieger, 1st Lt. Sarah Paulsworth, Staff Sgt. Tanya Davis and Maj. Susan Piersen.

For the men, the winner was Capt. John King, a regular on the long-distance circuit and last year's European qualifier winner. King finished this year's race with a time of 55:50.9, just a scant 43 seconds ahead of fellow Capt. Zachary Reiter, who finished in 56:34.10.

"There are some competitors out there," King said. "They were pushing it the whole way. I didn't feel comfortable about it until one mile ago. I think at mile four I was still

in fourth, so I had a lot of catching up to do."

Spc. Andrew Kirwa, Pfc. Abel Gutierrez, Felix Kiboiyo and Pfc. Edwin Siuteni rounded out the top six qualifiers on the men's side.

Though this was largely an individual-event, the competition was also open to teams. This year, the top men's teams were the Vicenza Lions No. 2, 2nd in first place, followed by the Grafenwohr Bloodhounds in second and the plainly named Ansbach team in third. In the women's team competition, the 709th MP Battalion Warriors came in first, Ansbach came in second and the Vicenza Lions came in third.

The competition this year was fierce, with more than 200 registered runners vying for the top 12 spots. Mixed in the crowd of runners in their hundred-dollar running shoes and mois-

ture-wicking shirts were two soldiers from Fort Hood, on loan to Grafenwohr thanks to "Saber Strike," a training exercise that wrapped up this week.

In typical Ranger fashion, 1st Lt. Harrison Maxwell and Staff Sgt. Brandon Simmons added an extra layer to the competition, tackling the entire 10 miles in full Army combat uniforms, with accompanying fully loaded flak vests.

"Last night we kind of figured we'd do it in plates and then someone said 'Let's do it in ACUs,' so we did," explained 1st Lt. Harrison Maxwell. "We kind of do that to each other."

Like most of the other participants, Maxwell saw the 10-miler as one part training event, one part sheer entertainment.

"We're just trying to make it a good Saturday."

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Cleveland Browns rookie Johnny Manziel says he's been bothered by recent comments by some Hall of Famers that suggested he should tone down his off-field exploits.

Briefly

Manziel: 'I don't think I'm doing anything wrong'

The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Browns rookie quarterback Johnny Manziel has no intention of toning down his weekends.

Appearing at a PLAY 60 event with other AFC rookies, Manziel says he's been bothered by recent comments about his behavior. He was asked about remarks by Hall of Famers Emmitt Smith, Joe Montana and Warren Moon, who all said the quarterback should curtail his off-the-field lifestyle.

Manziel says he respects their opinions, but adds that some recent social media reports have been distorted. Manziel says his weekend partying is not affecting him at practice and he's committed to football.

Manziel says he's "tired of the hype" and "scrutiny and doesn't think he's 'doing anything wrong.'" He now realizes that wherever he goes "people want to pull out their phones and follow me around and record everything."

Also:
■ Johnny Football meet Johnny hot dog.

A minor league baseball team in Ohio now has a hot dog on its menu in honor of Johnny Football.

The Akron RubberDucks say the "Johnny Footlong" is a tribute to Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel.

The hot dog is topped with Texas chili, shredded pepper jack cheese and hot sauce. It costs \$8.

Crawford tops Gamboa, keeps lightweight belt

OMAHA, Nebraska — Terence "Bud" Crawford stopped Cuba's Yuriorkis Gamboa in the ninth round Saturday night to successfully defend his WBO lightweight belt in a match of unbeaten fighters.

Crawford wobbled Gamboa with a left and knocked him down with another left earlier in the ninth, then connected with a right to the chin at the 2:53 mark, prompting referee Gino Rodriguez to call the fight.

The 26-year-old Crawford (24-0, 17 knockouts) was fighting in his hometown for the first time as a professional, and more than 10,000 showed up at the CenturyLink Center, many of them chanting "Craw-ford! Craw-ford!" throughout.

Former coach Gibbs says name 'prideful'

SPARTA, Ky. — Count former Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs among those who has no problem with the team's name.

The NFL team that Gibbs led to three Super Bowl titles in the first of two stints as coach has been heavily criticized for its nickname that's viewed as derogatory toward Native Americans. A group of U.S. senators and President Barack Obama have suggested it

should be changed, which team owner Daniel Snyder vehemently refuses.

Asked about the controversy before the NASCAR race Saturday at Kentucky Speedway, the Hall of Fame coach and racing team owner defended the Redskins name.

"Never once did I hear anybody ever say anything negative about the name Redskins," Gibbs said about his time with the team. "It was always prideful, it was courage involved. We have a song, 'Hail to the Redskins,' and so everything, everything, about that name has been positive for me and my past."

Indiana to offer multiyear scholarships

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana plans to immediately begin guaranteeing four-year scholarships to athletes and will agree not to reduce the amount of money students on partial scholarship receive year to year based on illness, injury or ability, athletic director Fred Glass said Friday.

The changes are part of a plan announced by the school that Glass calls a "student-athlete bill of rights. It will include significant financial support to former athletes who wish to return to finish their degrees and increased health care commitments, he said.

Beasley: 32-year-old has made switch from midfield to defense for national team

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From his left back spot, Beasley will be a key to help the U.S. push up field more regularly in Tuesday's match against Belgium in Salvador to generate an aggressive attack.

The 32-year-old Beasley has made the shift from midfield to defense with the national team and appeared to do so seamlessly. Because he's left-footed, he was an emergency fill-in at left back for a 1-0 World Cup qualifying win against Costa Rica in March 2013 played in the snow in Colorado.

A longtime midfielder, a position he still plays for his club team, Beasley was initially moved to left back by former U.S. coach Bob Bradley in 2009. But then he went nearly four years before playing there again last year — and the switch stuck.

In a tournament in which the U.S. has no center backs with previous World Cup experience, his steady nature has been crucial.

"I still play with the same heart and desire to win every game," Beasley said.

He's the only current member on the U.S. squad from a Mexican club, playing for Puebla. Beasley has never been one to get rattled as the pressure increases.

"You can't really teach that. That's always been inside me whenever I played," he said. "I like big games. I like being under the lights. I like playing in front of 80,000 people. It takes out the

nerves for me."

He started five of the six U.S. matches during last summer's victory in the CONCACAF Gold Cup, also serving as captain. Beasley was among just five players on the roster who came in with World Cup experience, the Americans' fewest since their 1990 return to the tournament for the first time in 40 years.

"I'm proud of him only because when he started out as a kid, he was an electric winger and he got at defenses and this is his fourth World Cup," goalkeeper Tim Howard said.

Beasley has been the one constant on an inexperienced back line in Brazil. Matt Besler and Geoff Cameron started the opener against Ghana, then John Brooks relieved Besler, who sat out the second half because of a tight right hamstring.

Beasley and Cameron played against Portugal, then Klinsmann went with Gonzalez in place of Cameron in a 1-0 loss to Germany on Thursday. Gonzalez said they don't know yet who will start against Group H winner Belgium.

"It's great having him there. This is his fourth World Cup, so he's obviously gone through a lot of experiences," Gonzalez said. "Just here and there I've been talking to him about things to expect and he's just such a calm force. I feel like he never gets shaken up."



JULIO CORTES/AP

The United States' DaMarcus Beasley talks to reporters during a training session in Sao Paulo, Brazil on Saturday. The United States will play Belgium on Tuesday in the round of 16 of the World Cup.

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Brazil trying to regroup for quarterfinals

Hosts say they'll have to improve to make the final

By TALES AZZONI
The Associated Press

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil — Brazil is trying to regroup for the rest of the World Cup after narrowly avoiding a humiliating elimination from its home tournament.

The hosts needed a penalty shootout to beat Chile in a tense second-round match on Saturday, extending a run that could have ended just four matches into the competition.

After the final Chile penalty hit the post, Brazil players dropped to the ground, with many of them crying after coming so close to defeat in front of their fans.

Players and coaches didn't hide their relief, but their focus has soon turned to the quarterfinal against Colombia on Friday in the northeastern city of Fortaleza. The aim now is to try to fix the mistakes that led to a disappointing performance in Belo Horizonte.

Coach Luiz Felipe Scolari admitted that Brazil will have to improve if it wants to reach the final at the Maracana stadium on July 13.

"We have to look at why we didn't get better," Scolari said. "Each match from now on will be more and more difficult. We have a good national team, we are not better or worse than any of the other teams that are still playing. We need to try to make fewer mistakes in the next matches. We may not be this lucky again."

Brazil didn't play well throughout the match at the Mineirao Stadium. It was never able to impose



Brazilian players react after a shootout to end their match against Chile on Saturday. Brazil won 3-2 on penalties after the match ended 1-1.

its game and didn't capitalize on its few scoring chances. The hosts came close to defeat near the end of extra time, when Chile striker Mauricio Pinilla struck the bar.

"If you don't take advantage of the opportunities that you have, you may end up paying a high price, and we almost had to pay that price with two minutes left," Scolari said. "If you don't score when you can, you end up being at risk."

Brazil's strikers have been ineffective for most of the tournament, with the exception of Neymar, but even he had a below-par performance on Saturday.

Brazil is yet to win at this World Cup when the Barcelona star fails to score. The defense also wasn't at its best, giving up a lot of space to Chile.

Had Brazil been eliminated, it would have been its worst per-

formance in World Cups since 1990, when it fell in the round of 16 to Argentina. The five-time champions have now reached the quarterfinals of the last six tournaments, winning two of them, in 1994 and 2002, and making it to the final once, in 1998. Brazil has been eliminated in the quarterfinals of the last two World Cups.

"We know we haven't won anything yet," said Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar, who made two penalty saves to lead his team to a 3-2 win in the shootout following a 1-1 draw. "But I think that winning a match like this gives us even more strength for the next phases of the competition."

For Friday's game against Colombia, Brazil will be without defensive midfielder Luiz Gustavo, who received his second yellow card against Chile.



RICARDO MAZALAN/AP

Brazil's goalkeeper Julio Cesar made two saves in the shootout.

Rodriguez scores fifth goal to carry Colombia

By MATTIAS KAREN
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — With a spectacular swivel-and-strike, James Rodriguez provided one of the highlights of the World Cup and gave Brazil reason to worry.

Rodriguez scored one of the best goals of the tournament and added a second to put Colombia into the World Cup quarterfinals for the first time with a 2-0 win over Uruguay on Saturday — setting up a meeting with the host nation.

Rodriguez added to his growing list of memorable moments in Brazil when he gave his team the lead with a long-range volley as he turned in the 28th minute. He scored the second from close range shortly after the break as Colombia dominated an Uruguay side that sorely missed banned striker Luis Suarez.

"I think now the toughest is coming up," Rodriguez said of the quarterfinal match against Brazil. "I'm happy because we are making history and as a young man I dreamed of being here. And of course we want to do even more."



NATACHA PISARENSO/AP

Colombia's James Rodriguez, right, celebrates with Cristian Zapata after scoring the opening goal against Uruguay on Saturday. He also scored the second goal in Colombia's 2-0 victory.

Rodriguez now has five goals in Brazil and further enhanced his status as perhaps the World Cup's biggest revelation. In the absence of injured star Radamel Falcao, the Monaco winger has become the focal point of a Colombia team that won all three of its group games with impressive

attacking play.

Uruguay, meanwhile, simply couldn't find anyone to fill the absence of Suarez. The team struggled badly in attack and replacement striker Diego Forlan was substituted in the 53rd after a disappointing performance in what was likely his final World Cup appearance.

Colombia is playing its first World Cup since 1998 and has already achieved its best-ever result.

"Congratulations to all the Colombian people," said coach Jose Pekerman, who is from Argentina. "The people in Colombia deserve this."

Colombia will play Brazil in the quarterfinals on July 4 in Fortaleza.

But Rodriguez showed once again that the Brazilians have every reason to be wary of Colombia.

The opener was his most spectacular goal yet. He chested the ball down with his back to goal well outside the area and in one fluid motion turned around and fired a left-foot volley that went off the underside of the crossbar and into the net.

It was a goal that came seemingly out of

nowhere and provided another example of the technique and creativity that has made Rodriguez one of the standout players of the tournament.

Uruguay defender Alvaro Pereira tried to clear the ball with a diving header, but it went straight to Abel Aguilar, who headed it forward toward Rodriguez.

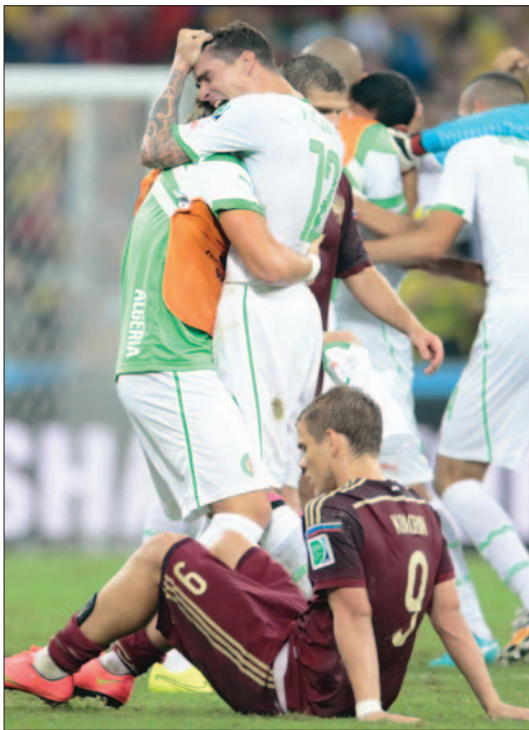
His maneuver only took a split second and left goalkeeper Fernando Muslera flailing helplessly as the ball looped over him and into the net. Rodriguez ran over the corner flag and thrust both hands out to his sides in a "how about that" gesture.

"I think he is the best player of the tournament so far," Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez said.

In the end Uruguay simply couldn't cope without Suarez, who was banned for four months for biting an opponent in the group-stage victory against Italy that sent the team through to the next round.

"We all knew what happened, but we had to forget about it and think positive," Tabarez said. "Suarez is a great player, and I don't need to say it. He is very important. But we knew he wasn't going to play."

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IVAN SEKRETAREVIC/AP

Algerian players celebrate after the Group H match against Russia in Curitiba, Brazil on Thursday. The match ended in a 1-1 draw, but Algeria qualified for the round of 16.

Algeria has shot at revenge vs. Germany

BY ANDREW DAMPF
The Associated Press

MANGARATIBA, Brazil — It was back in 1982 that Germany and Austria played out what went down in the history books as the “Disgrace of Gijón” to eliminate Algeria from the World Cup.

On Monday in Porto Alegre, Algeria faces Germany for the first time since that infamous match — with a spot in the quarterfinals on the line.

On paper, this match should be no contest.

Germany is a three-time champion with top-quality players in every position while Algeria has advanced past the opening round for the first time.

Add in the revenge and momentum elements, however, and this could become one of the most emotionally charged matches of the round of 16.

“At a World Cup, there are no desirable opponents and no easy opponents, especially not in the knockout matches,” Germany coach Joachim Löw said. “The Algerians have proven that they are an uncomfortable rival. We’ll be well prepared.”

Algeria is one of only three countries with a 100 percent win record against Germany. Of the other two, East Germany (one match, one win) doesn’t exist anymore, while Germany’s only game and only loss against Egypt came in 1958.

Algeria beat Germany 2-0 at home in a friendly in 1964 and won 2-1 in the opener for both teams at the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

However, in their third group game in ‘82 in Gijón, Germany scored in the 10th minute and for the next 80 minutes the Germans and the Austrians pushed the ball around without any real effort to score

since that result allowed both to advance at the expense of Algeria.

Algeria had little to cheer for until beating South Korea and drawing with Russia in the group stage this year, producing a late equalizer against Russia to go through.

“This Algeria team has a lot of margin to (improve) and I suspect that we can (do) a lot better maybe in the next round against Germany,” Algeria coach Vahid Halilhodzic said.

With Ramadan set to begin over the weekend, Halilhodzic suggested that his players would receive a special dispensation from a traveling imam to avoid fasting ahead of the Germany game.

Germany, meanwhile, is in perfect health after its 1-0 win over the United States.

“We are very ambitious and we have big goals,” said Thomas Müller, the team’s top scorer with four goals.

While Müller’s lineup spot is not in question, Mario Götze should replace Lukas Podolski at the other forward position. Podolski was ruled out Saturday with an undescribed leg injury.

Löw is likely to keep defensive midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger in the lineup in place of Sami Khedira.

Schweinsteiger was praised for his performance against the Americans but he doesn’t seem to have energy for more than 70 minutes after nursing a knee injury before the World Cup.

The winner at the Estádio Beira-Rio will go on to play France or Nigeria.

“We are basically taking the rivals as they come, we are focusing on ourselves. We wanted to be first in the group at any cost and we achieved it,” Löw said. “It’s all or nothing now.”

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Nigeria attack to challenge France’s defense

BY JEROME PUGMIRE
The Associated Press

RIBEIRAO PRETO, Brazil — The pace and power of Nigeria’s attack will give France’s defense its biggest test of the World Cup so far when they meet in Monday’s round of 16 match.

Although France kept two clean sheets in the group stage — against Honduras and Ecuador — the variety in the African champion’s forward line offers a much stiffer proposition, and it has already caused problems for bigger teams than France.

Winger Ahmed Musa will be closely marked after scoring both goals in a 3-2 loss to Argentina. His speed was a constant threat and he will look to expose the space behind France’s fullbacks — who are given license to push up in coach Didier Deschamps’ attack-minded team.

Emmanuel Emenike is a bustling, powerful striker, and veteran forward Peter Odemwingie has the technical ability to unlock defenses and has shown in the Premier League with West Bromwich Albion and Stoke that he is also a sharp finisher.

“They’re a good team, they

caused Argentina problems. They are powerful, quick up front and hardworking in midfield,” said France midfielder Yohan Cabaye, who is set to return to the side following suspension. “They play with a lot of energy.”

It will be Nigeria’s first knockout game at a World Cup since 1998 — the year France won the tournament as host — and preparations have hardly been ideal, with Thursday’s training session canceled amid reports of a pay dispute.

Four years ago, it was France that was in turmoil before its final group game after going on strike at training.

The official line for why Nigeria didn’t turn up for the practice was that a team meeting ran too long, but reports said players were demanding bonuses owed to them. Fellow West African teams Cameroon and Ghana both had their campaigns disrupted by pay disputes.

“I heard that they went on strike,” said France defender Bacary Sagna with a hint of irony, considering he was part of the France squad that didn’t train in 2010. “It changes nothing because they’re the best African

team around.”

Sagna is battling with Mathieu Debuchy for the right back slot and center half Mamadou Sakho is struggling for fitness with a left hamstring injury. If he fails to recover, Laurent Koscielny will replace him at center half alongside Raphaël Varane. But they have started only a handful of games together and Nigeria has enough attacking threat to expose that inexperienced partnership.

“They’re African champions and some of their players play for top European clubs, some in the English league,” Sagna said. “We know they’re a dangerous team and that we’ll have to be patient.”

France likes to dictate play, but given Nigeria’s propensity to throw players forward, Deschamps may pick his team with quick counterattacks in mind.

He has yet to truly decide what his favored lineup is, making surprise selections in all three group games so far.

Olivier Giroud and Antoine Griezmann are challenging for a starting spot alongside Karim Benzema and Mathieu Valbuena in France’s three-pronged attack, while Paul Pogba and Moussa Sissoko are contesting a place in

midfield.

Griezmann and Sissoko are quicker players and better suited to playing on the break than Giroud and Pogba.

But Deschamps’ final decision could be influenced by the volatility of Giroud and Pogba. Both have escaped straight red cards: Giroud for elbowing Ecuador’s Gabriel Achilier and Pogba for aiming a wild kick at Wilson Palacios against Honduras.

Sakho also avoided a potential sending off for elbowing an Ecuador player in the face, and French nerves will have to hold firm in Brasilia.

“You must do all you can to concentrate, and to stay calm in the difficult moments,” Sagna said.

Scoreboard

Second round

Saturday, June 28
Brazil 1, Chile 1, Brazil advanced 3-2 on penalty kicks
Sunday, June 29
Colombia 2, Uruguay 0
Netherlands 2, Mexico 1
Costa Rica vs. Greece
Monday, June 30
At Brasilia, Brazil
France vs. Algeria
At Porto Alegre, Brazil
Germany vs. Argentina
Tuesday, July 1
At Sao Paulo
Argentina vs. Switzerland
At Salvador, Brazil
Belgium vs. United States

Quarterfinals

Friday, July 4
At Curitiba, Brazil
Brazil vs. Colombia
At Rio de Janeiro
France/Nigeria vs. Germany/Algeria
Saturday, July 5
At Salvador, Brazil
Netherlands vs. Costa Rica/Greece
At Brasilia, Brazil
Argentina/Switzerland vs. Belgium/United States



France vs. Nigeria
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5:30 p.m. Saturday CET
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Germany vs. Algeria
AFN-Sports
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Saving his best for last

Beasley anchoring inexperienced back line for United States' men

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

DaMarcus Beasley is playing his latest, and likely last, World Cup with little fanfare — just the way the soft-spoken defender prefers it. Beasley is determined to keep his focus on the field as he goes about his business each day. The first American to appear in four World Cups, he's helped lead the U.S. to its second straight trip to the knockout rounds.

"It's not about individual accomplishments," Beasley said before practice Saturday at Sao Paulo Futebol Clube. "I'll talk about that after I'm done playing."

Only two months ago, Beasley would've figured Landon Donovan would make history right alongside him. Donovan, a three-time World Cup veteran, was cut May 22 by coach Jurgen Klinsmann. Beasley refers to the Los Angeles Galaxy forward as "my brother."

"Beas is just the ultimate professional," midfielder Kyle Beckerman said. "It's great to see that he gets that fourth World Cup, and he deserves it."

And Beasley has been offering encouragement to young teammates who seek him out for advice. Defender Omar Gonzalez is a regular to take him up on that guidance.

"Anybody on the team that wants to speak to me about anything, they all know they can come and talk to me," Beasley said.

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United States midfielder

DaMarcus Beasley, right, the first American to appear in four World Cups, has helped lead the United States into the knockout rounds for the second straight tournament.

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